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Britain urges Europe to take new US missiles

Britain appealed to its European partners in Nato yesterday to back American plans for. siting new nuclear weapons on their soil. Mr Francis Pym, Defence Secretary, gave warning of adverse consequences for Nato if they refused, but Labour left-wingers in the Commons will today try to force an emergency debate.

Labour left seeks debate today

up stocks or ensuring enough

productive capacity to replenish them in wartime.
Britain found some support

for its appeal to form a six-nation consortium to produce

105mm tank gun ammunition, based on the British design. If

the others agree to start pro-ducing the ammunition for their

own use, it would involve about 100,000 rounds over five years and about \$50m for Britain.

Left-wing challenge: Labour left-wingers, led by Mr Frenk Allaun (Salford, East), will seek

in the Commons today to force an emergency debate on the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles in Nato countries. (Our Political Correspondences)

dent writes),

Mustering about 70 of the

276 Labour MPs, they hope to
strengthen opposition to the
proposal existing in The Nether-

lands, Belgium, Denmark and West Germany, so that the Ministers in Brussels will post-

pone a final decision.

The bulk of the Labour

From Henry Stanbope Defence Correspondent Brussels, Dec 10

which examines logistical ques-tions, is pressing the allies to reexamine the stocks of fuel, spare parts and ammunition in their war maintenance reserve. At present, war stocks are enough to last for only 30 days, long considered inadequate by the military. Members of Euro-log, under British leadership. Mr Francis Pym, the Defence Secretary, appealed to Britain's European allies today to support American proposals to station new theatre nuclear weapons in five European countries. log, under British leadership, are examining ways to improve the position, either by building

was a "vivid reaffirmaion of the American commit-nent to Western Europe, he ald other Defence Ministers at

nld other Defence Ministers at meeting of Nato's Eurogroup. It talked of adverse consequences for Nato if the allies usences for Nato if the allies were proposed to the proposals.

However, sources in Brussels re still reluctant to forecast he result of Wednesday's joint neeting of Defence and Foriga Ministers at which the big ecision on theatre nuclear orces will be taken.

The Eurogroup's routine busices today included a review of ofence spending in 1979 and

clence spending in 1979 and plans to improve convenonal forces next year. The reering recorded total spending f \$70,000m (about £35,000m) uring 1979-about \$20,000m ore than in 1978.

Land equipment to be intro-uced next year includes 190 nein battle tanks, 450 other rmoured vehicles, 500 enti-rmour missiles and 9,700 handold rocket launchers. About alf the tanks, two thirds of the Party would not want the British Government to obstruct the proposal subject to certain conditions. But Mr. Callagoan Leader, of the Opposition and the Statow Cabust, with New kept the proposal under connti-armour missiles, and three-ifths of the other armoured

chicles represent an addition Nato arrange in Europe. There, will also be 170 new-ombat aircraft and 40 mans ems and improvements to naval reces, including Britain's new recast carrier invincible and

The Eurolog Committee,

Shell drivers split as 400 return to work By David Pelton.

Labour Reporter
Support for the Shell tanker
drivers' strike appeared to be
crumbling last night when
more than 400 men; at seven
depots voted to return to

normal working.

Despite a series of contacts during the day between union officials and Shell management, no further meetings have been arranged. The company now appears to be content to sit back and bope that the strike ends without them having to make any concessions on the use of outside contract labour, which has been at the centre of the two-week long dispute. normal working.

Distribution depots which decided yesterday to return to normal working are at Ellesmers Port. Workington, Haydock, near St Heleus, King's Lynn, Ipswich, Caernarfon and Sheffield.

Workers at 12 depots were still suspended last night, 17 depots were on surike and 16

deports were on strike and 16 were working normally.

Mr Jack Ashwell: Transport and General Workers' Union national secretary for commercial transport, was in Scotland yesterday, but told the company he was prepared in fly to London if they wanted further negotiations. negotiations.
Shell said they were prepared

Shell said they were prepared to meet union negotiators only if "Mr Ashwell is prepared to outline the issues he feels are preventing his people returning to normal working".

Shell can draw comfort from the return to work at the Stau low terminel at Ellesmere Port, which employs 200 desires

which employs 200 drivers and

which employs 200 drivers and operatives and is one of the company's largest depots.

Many petrol stations failed to open yesterday morning after being closed for the weekend and Shell estimated that 75 per cent of its garages had run dry, although about one-third of normal supplies was still getting through. ting through.

Esso garages were also run-ning short of supplies as tanker drivers continued an overtime ban which they started last Thursday after pay negotiations brake down

breke down.

Petrol is likely to rise to more than £1.30 a gallon at some garages, Mr. Robert Pearson, of the Motor Agents. Pearson, of the Motor Agents'
Association, said yesterday.
Clay workers: Interruptions to
supplies of liquid petroleum
gas (LPG) because of the
drivers' dispute have already
led to about 500 workers being
made idle in the clay industries.
LPG is used by brick pipe and
the makers to fire kins.

kept the proposal under conkept the proposal under constant review, are locensed that
the Government has not provided time for a debate before
the British position is stated
Vance warning, page 4

Leading article more 12 Vance warning, page 4 of supplies was bee Leading article, page 13 acute by the hour.



Flood damages bridge : Tarr Steps, the 2,000year-old stone clapper bridge, one of the West Country's best-known tourist attractions, was extensively damaged by flooding in west Somerset yesterday. The bridge, on the river Barle above Dulverton, was breached in two places after heavy rain

during which the rivers Barle and Exe burst their banks in the Dulverton area causing extensive flooding. London enjoyed its warmest early December, with an average temperature of 12°C (54°F) over the first 10 days, since records began at the London

Threat of national steel strike 'not just sabre-rattling'

Labour Editor

Leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation met the British Steel Corporation last night for the first time since threatening a national steel strike in just over three weeks

The talks between Mr William Sirs, general secretary of ISTC. Mr Robert Scholey, BSC chief executive, and Dr David Grieves, personnel managing director, lasted three hours.

that the industry cannot afford pay rises above the 2 per cent offer rejected by the ISTC and the union was saying that its strike call is serious and not just sabre-rattling. In a circular to members.

the steelworkers' executive bave said it is their firm conviction that strike action "is now inevitable". and preparations for an all-out stoppage by 90.000 ISTC members from lanuary 2 were going ahead.

The seed union has written

to the Transport and General Workers' and the General and Municipal Workers' unions, which muster about 22,000 in which muster about 22,000 in the industry between them, advising them that a shutdown over pay is imminent. The question of support for the ISTC strike will be raised at a meeting of the TUC Steel Industries Committee on Thursday.

day.
The TGWU indicated yesterday that, despite some irritation about "nor being consulted", it may back the steelworkers. Mr Tom Crispin, the transport workers' national secretary for

the steel industry, said his union did not favour sabre-rattling. "The situation is far too grave", he added.
"If there is no improvement (on the 2 per cent offer), I think the nation will have to

ask itself whether it wants a steel industry. There's a clear

possibility of the whole of the industry being shut down." The TGWU officer went on in suggest a route out of the impasse that was likely to gain support from other unions as the strike deadline nears. Point-ing out that £200m of ESC's £300m annual losses were made up of interest payments to the Government, Mr Crispin said: For this year, the Government should walve their claims. That would allow a reasonable increase to be made to help cushion steelworkers against

the high cost of inflation". The transport workers are pressing for a wago increase of about 17 per cent to keep pressing for a wage increase of about 17 per cent to keep wages abreast of inflation, whereas the ISTC originally asked for more than 20 per cent. BSC has offered 2 per cent across the board, with local productivity harpaining that could provide up to 10 per cent more as lump sum paycent more as lump sum pay-ments every three months for proven improvement in plant performance.

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The ISTC has rejected the offer out of hand: the blast-furnacemen have rejected it but are still talking, and the craftsmen are meeting the Corporation for further talks on Јапиагу 7.

"Corby battle lost": Sicel workers at Corby yesterday pulled out of a right to save steelmaking at the BSC in the town (our Corby Correspondent writes). Instead they have in-Continued on page 17. col 2

Pilot killed

jet collision

in mid-air

From Ronald Faux

Successful end of Rhodesia conference in sight

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

The final step towards full

Rhodesia, and the conclusion of the constitutional conference as a whole, are confidently expected this week Further contacts yesterday between the British side with between the British side with both the Salisbury delegation and the Patriotic From are expected to yield a positive result at a plenery session today, when Lotd Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, as conference chairman intends to present Britain's reasons.

presem proposals in detail, Lord Carrington, who will be

also considering the date for

the departure of Lord Soames for Salisbury as Governor. He is ready to leave immediately, if

necessary tonight.

Behind the scenes discussions with the separate delegations, as reported last night, appear to have found a way round the Patrionic Front's previous objection to releasing the figures of their men in Rhodesia as the Salisbury dele-gation has done for its own

The progress has been achieved by Britain refining its proposals for the Patriotic Front assembly of its forces. which still remain the basis of the plan, in an attempt to meet the guerrilla alliance's making a statement to the Lords concern that it should not be no Rhodesia this afternoon, is at a disadvantage visa-vis the at a disadvantage vis-a-vis the

Major-General Martin Farn- tored by the Governor and his dale. the British military staff. dale, the British military adviser at the conference, is to present his plans today, amplifying Lord Carrington's proposals, with maps to show the

movement of forces by way of rendezvous points to assembly areas, in full detail.

Agreement has already been reached in principle on the start of the plan, which envisages the disengagement of the Rhodesian forces as a first stage, followed by assembly of the Patriotic Front forces in the second stage. Britain is insisting that until the assembly is achieved, arrangements for the third stage must be left open. The new element concerns the

which will likewise be moni-

The underlying idea behind the plan is to provide an incentive, in terms of legal recogni-

tion, for the forces which comply with the instructions to assemble, while those which choose to remain outside the framework of the ceasefire would be regarded as illegal. The Patriotic Front has been particularly concerned to avoid what they regard as imbalance in the structure of the two sides logistics.

The date of the ceaselire is also expected to be discussed in Lord Carrington's final paper. Again, this is not expected to cause further difficulties. location of the Rhodesian forces

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bone, the Lord Chancellor, of

being frightened to appear

before a select committee of the

House to discuss the matter. The

Attorney General replied that he rejected the accusation.

Judge's order, page 4

Aberdeen

a low-level training flight in Scotland collided in midate and crashed in flames yesterday above a village in the Grampians. One pilot was killed and another seriously injured. One piece of wreckage landed near a school attended by 100 children. The disaster harpened

Two RAF Jaguar aircrait on

rwo Jaguars from an RAF conversion unit at Lossiemouth were flying in a formation of four above the village of Lumsden. After the collision one plane struck a hill near the village and the other fell into a field. Mr Jarle Jensen, a North Sea

diving superintendent who owns a cottage in Lumsden, said the wrockage fell around him. "It was a miracle that no one was killed. Luckily for Lumsden most of the bits fell to the west of the village", he

Rescue teams arrived and the injured pilot was flown to hospital in Aberdeen by heli-copter. His condition last night was satisfactory. His name 1/23 not released. The dead nilet was Flight Lieutegant Nicholas Brown, aged 33, from Elgin, Grampian. He was married with Parliamentary report, page 7 a young child.

ran crisis loubles popularity of Mr Carter rom David Cross

ashington, Dec 10 President Carter's measured isponse to the seizure of the merican Embassy in Tehran as, boosted his popularity ramatically among the American public

in public.
An opinion poli conducted st week by the Gallup organi-tion for the American news agazine Newsweek discloses at his job approved rating has ubled from 30 to 61 per cent uring the past month. The rise

presidential popularity is sharpest Gallup has corded in its 41-year history. American presidents usually in support during a foreign thicy crisis. Newsweek points
the but Mr Carter's surge in
a polls last week was greater
an that received by President
bosevelt after Pearl Harbour; esident Truman after the orth Korean invasion of South wea, President Kennedy after e Cuban missile crisis and esident Johnson after the st bombing of Hanol.

The survey shows that 77 per

ot of those interviewed ene Iranian crisis. Only a tiny rd-core of five per cent vour military reprisals against in if the hostages are released harmed, while 63 per cent say at Iran should be punished by plomatic and economic means. Even if some of the hostages e hurt, more people would efer American retaliation to e the form of economic and lomatic sauctions rather n military intervention 49 r cent against 41 per cent re-

ectively: actively.

The American public is ided about the likely fate of histages. Fifty per cent of itse questioned think they will released unbarned, while 38 cent are pessimistic about

final outcome. n an analysis of the results the survey a sookesman for Gallup organization points t that public esteem for the sident had been particularly when the crisis began and increase in his popularity s greater than it would probv otherwise have been. Mr Carter has acknowledged

vetely that the Iranian situ-or has so far proved to be political boon in demonstratthis ability to lead the counat a time of crisis. He feels is particularly significant ce Senator Edward Kennedy,
main challenger for the
mocratic presidential nomition has singled out "leaderas one of the main themes

US puts Iran case at Hague

America has asked the International Court at The Hague to take strong and early measures to secure the release of the embassy hostages in Tehran. Mr Benjamin Civiletti, the United Stares Attorney-General said that if the court took no action, it would be a serious blow to international law. Iran boycotted the bearing. Meanwhile Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Sec-retary of State, arrived in Paris on his tour of European capitals to seek support in the confrontation with Tehran, Beirur closed its sirport to flights from Iran and volunteers for the war with Israel were unable to leave Tehran airport .

Ulster talks hope

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, spent two hours in talks at Stormont with Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. It was their second meeting in less than a week and there were hopes of an agreement that could persuade the Roman Catholic political leaders to join a constitutional conference next month

Oil targets set
The leading Western nations and Japan have agreed for the first time to impose individual targets for oil consumption, to be checked by a regular monitoring system. The compromise regular monitoring system the regular agreement at the International Energy Agency will bolster hopes for a moderate oil price increase when exporters meet to fix them next mass.

Mother Teresa's plea

Countries with legalized abortion are the poorest countries in the world, Mother Teresa said after she received this year's Nobel peace prize in Oslo. The sari-clad nun, speaking without notes, appealed for the sanctity of life to be respected. Mother Teresa said she accepted the prize on behalf of the poor and hungry of the whole

Radiation peril denied

Levin on the smoke trail

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There was no evidence of any hazard to workers, the environment or the public from a three-yearold leak of radioactive contaminated water at Windscale, the Department of Energy said Parliament, page 7



Distortion over police

powerful attack against calls for tighter political control over police operations has been made by Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester. He complained that singular cases involving police were being used to build "a distorted picture" alleging wide spread police malpractice. The same army of political activists was "completely and adiously silent over evidence of a thousand battered

Discrimination to end

The Commission for Racial Equality said it is determined to end all racial discrimination by clubs. - In October it issued its first nondiscrimination notice against a working men's club in Birmingham and the club has now given an assurance that it will comply with the law. Another club, in Leeds, is under investigation and a report is expected in the new year Page 3

Mr Pol Pot admits deaths

Mr Pol Pot, in his first interview since fleeing Phnom Penh last January, admitted that several thousand Kampucheans had died "due to some mistakes" in implementing his government's policy. He rejected charges that his regime had been guilty of genocide, saying Vietnam was

Banks staff union: Staff at Barclays, National Westminster and Lloyds banks are to form a trade union with 93,000 members Greece: An eight-page Special Report as the country moves towards membership of the European Community

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Authority for jury vetting changed By Marcel Berlins jury verting has been governed by guidelines which allow the prosecution to make back-Correspondent, writes: There were angry exchanges in the Legal Correspondent Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, has fold the House yesterday when Mt Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham West, accused Lord Hailsham of St Maryle

House of Commons there will be no further jury verting except with his direct approval.

He is expected to make a fuller statement after the inquiry he is carrying out with the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary is completed, and also after he has con-sidered the implications of a

ground inquiries on potential jurors in sensitive trials, such as those involving terrorism or professional criminal gangs. Under the guidelines, jury retting could take place only with the authority of the Director of Public Prosecutions. who was obliged to notify the Attorney General when he had

Britain seeks £150m boost to farm incomes from 5% devaluation of 'green pound'

From Michael Hornshy Brussels Dec 10 Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture, today requested a 5 per cent devalua-tion of the "green pound" in a move aimed at raising farm in-comes by £150m in Britain and boosting British farm produc-

The request, along with similar one from the Italians, was made at the opening of a two-day meeting here of EEC agriculture, ministers, mainly and discussing proposals devoted to discussing proposals by the European Commission for saving some 2650m on agri-

cultural spending. It was expected that the British and Italian requests despite a statement by M Pierre Mehaignerie, the French minister, that such green cur-rency changes would "not be

desirable " at present.

The effect of devaluing the
"green pound" the special exchange rate used for converting the EEC's common farm prices expressed in units of account) into sterling, is to push up the sterling "floor prices" guaranteed to British farmers y an amount roughly equal to the devaluation.

This would on average, probably add about one penny in the pound to the price of food in the shops. The increases would include 3.5p on a pound of butter, 3p on cheese, 2p on bacon, over 4p on beef, 1.5p on a kiln has of sugar and about third of a penny on a loaf of

Overshadowing today's meeting was a threat by the European Parliament to throw our the draft of the EEC's budget for 1980 on the ground that it is too heavily weighted in favour of farm spending.

The first reactions by ministers today to the Commission's proposals for reducing the EEC's chronic surpluses of milk and sugar, production of which is running about 20 per cent above demand, were cautiously welcoming, At the same time, Mr Walker. along with most of his col-leagues, found a variety of reasons for objecting to the particular methods chosen by Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the

EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, for tackling problem. Mr Gundelach s sugar propo sals came in for particular criticism. These aim to cut the EEC's sugar surplus by about 1,000,000 tons, mainly by reducing the amount of production qualifying for price

support. Mr Albert Lavens, the Belgian Minister, was " flabbergasted by the proposals. Other ministers were sceptical.

Mr Walker was notably conciliatory despite his earlier unqualified backing for the British Sugar Corporation's attack on the proposals, British producers claim that if implemented the proposals would close half the sugar-beet factories in Britain.

Army patrol found in Eire

Republic side of the border yesterday.

A patrol of the Welsh They were allowed to return Guards in Northern Ireland immediately to the County was found in a shed on the Armagh side of the border with Armagh side of the border with County Louth.

The party of eight told the A police spokesman in Dun-Irish police that they had dalk said that no arrests were crossed the border accidentally made as they accepted that the by about 30 metres in darkness crossing was due to a mistake.

From the House of BELLS



Hopes of persuading Roman Catholics to join Ulster conference

From Christopher Thomas

The Government appeared last night to be edging towards an agreement that could persuade Roman Catholic political leaders to join its proposed constitutional conference on constitutional conference on the fate of the first serious Northern Ireland power devo- attempt at a political initiative

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has abandoned plans to open the conference before Christmas but still hopes to launch it next month. Negotiations are at an extremely delicate point, but there are clear signs that all is not yet

Mr Atkins spent two hours in private talks at Stormont Castle last night with Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, who is demanding that the conference should include the possibility of an Irish dimension in any devolution agree-ment. It was their second meeting in less than a week. Mr Hume will be at the European Parliament in Stras-

but after next weekend's meeting a decision seems inevitable. Even if the SDLP agrees to participate, the attitude of the Rev lan Paisley and his Demo-cratic Unionists could still seal

for some years.

If he thought the Cetholics had been given too many concessions be might withdraw, but his room for manoeuvre has been narrowed by the need to score a propaganda victory over his bitter rivals, the Official Unionists, who rejected the talks at the outset.

speeches throughout the prov ince defending the party's role in the hope of preventing a party split, threatened by the old Vanguard grouping.

Mr James Molyneaux, the party leader, is maintaining an

party leader, is maintaining an almost total silence in the belief that the conference, even if it gets under way, will collapse and thus vindicate his position. bourg until the weekend and thus vindicate his position. the two men have agreed to talk again as soon as he returns. Possibly Mr Hume, of the conference would be far who was elected party leader more difficult than launching only a few weeks ago, feels the conference. Nobody underthat he cannot be seen to accept the invitation to the parties, he said.

foreign patients' bills'

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent for treatment as a private user of the National Health Service, perhaps the airline should be made liable for the bill, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said

Jimmy Young programme on EEC Radio 2, about foreigners rting NHS treatment free, said that his department knew that the ules about payment were frequently broken. People were put on aircraft often with a very serious condition. Airlines patient's ability to pay for

The right answer, he thought. was to go to the governments of foreign countries who did that. The practice was not popular with some of the

Two miners are

runaway train

Two coal miners were killed.

A group of men were working half-way down the tunnel when

two trolleys taking materials into the drift became detached

from the remotely controlled train. Four men on the train

mon, and Mr Albert Hibbert, aged 49, of Herons Way, Bird-

well, both Barnsley. The seri-nusly injured man is Mr Michael Monaghan, aged 49, of Under-wood Avenue, Worsbrough Dale,

Barnsley. A coal board official said that

a paddy train carrying miners was following three cars taking

safery device. It was believed the beavy arch girders and

killed by

shire, yesterday.

were slightly hurt.

Cast mining.

Delegates representing the Transport and General Workers' Union's 5,000 members in

The strain on the Official Unionists over their reclusal to join the talks is showing. Party officials are delivering many

Airlines 'should pay

governments concerned; but Mr Jenkin's view was that in the If an airline flies in a sick NHS our own people came first person without making sure and that was what he was that the patient is able to pay determined to see happen. The social services department said last night that it was exploring various ways of stop-ping foreigners from getting other than emergency treatment free on the NHS. Difficulty yesterday. Mr Jenkin, questioned on the

free on the NRS, Difficulty arose when people arrived clearly ill, and it would not be humanitarian to send them home. Ways were being sought of recovering the cost of meatment of such cases.

Possible solutions were reimbursement from the patients' country or making sirlings yes. country or making airlines res-possible. No immediate ap-proach to other countries or to

airlines was contemplated. Some foreigners arrive here saying that they will pay but refuse to do so when they dis-cover the size of the bill, now £78.80 a day in a London teaching hospital.

Dock ban threatened on all coal imports

By Dorred Macintyre abour Reporter

Dockers may be asked by their union to ban all coal imports because of a threat to widen the pay dispute in open-

the opencast coal industry will consider on December 21 calls for an all-out strike as well as a total ban on imports.

By the end of this week a series of four one-day strikes together with some other pages will have cost more than 200,000 tonnes in lost production of ambracite and high quality coal, mainly destined for the Central Electricity Generating Board.
The union earlier this year

The union earlier this year put forward a claim worth about 25 per cent in basic pay increases and allowances to the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, the employers' body responsible for negotiations in the industry.

The federation has agreed to increase the opencast workers' coal allowance from £4.50 to £5.40 but has otherwise resisted the claim on the ground that the industry is covered by naronal negotiations in the civil engineering industry, which this year resulted in a 17 per cent increase in basic rates.

Mr George Henderson,
TGWU namonal officer, said
yesterday that the one-day
strikes has been fully supported and that he was under
growing pressure to call an
all-out strike li-out strike. Mr Henderson said that the

Mr Henderson said that the union's docks group officers had indicated that they were prepared to give backing to action by dockers in banning imported coal if asked.

Although imports of coal account for only about 384,000 manes a month compared with

tonnes a month, compared with total production by the National Coal Board of around 10 mil-lion tonnes, a ban on imports would be troublesome for the British Steel Corporation, which wants to import in the current financial year 27 per cent of its coking coal supply. More serious still would be a total strike in opencast mining, which at a level of 13.5 million tonnes a year accounts for more than a tenth of total coal pro-

Opencast coal contractors are due to meet tomorrow and could consider one possible further advance by increasing

Mr Whitelaw 'final judge' on security matters

and another was seriously injured when part of a train broke away and ran down a tunnel at the Kinsley drift mine clear last night to the select conviction of the convergence of the co affairs that he, not the commit-tee, was to be the judge, of what he could disclose about the security services and other

Miss Josephine Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, was first to test the limits of open government when she asked bim about telephne tapping and The men who died were Mr Colin Jackson, aged 43, of Springfield Road, Hoyland Comcertain espects of Special Branch work.

Then Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormstork, wan-ted to know whether Mr Whitelaw would cooperate with the committee if it decided to investigate the security services. Would be provide documents,

for example?
Mr Whitelaw relied on precematerials down the one-in-four gradient. The men noticed that the position as it had been pre-the cars carrying materials were picking up speed.

Any wantenew renet on preserve deut, saying he must preserve the position as it had been pre-the cars carrying materials were picking up speed. picking up speed.
They signalled to the guard to make clear, he said, that he would have to be the judge of

and the paddy train was brought to a halt. The other cars continued for about 400 yards and smashed through a would have to be the judge of what was consistent with national security.

The occasion was rather like one of those rural festivals in Gloucestershire, where commoners beat the bounds of their other equipment were flung off on impact and struck the three men in the tunnel. parish to assert their rights against the landlord. As land-

lord of the Home Office, Mr Whitelaw gave little away that

which Mr Kilroy-Silk gave him with questions about the regime which Mr Whitelaw has in mind for Send junior detention

the committee did not know

Mr Kilroy-Silk asked if he had considered that what he planned might be in contravention of the European Human Rights Convention.

Mr Whitelaw replied stoutly be. Nor was there any question of cruelty or berberity involved.

He also made clear that he and his ministers were going to make up their own minds about the way children and young persons should be dealt with. I do not necessarily have to accept all the evidence that comes from the Home Office and

comes from the Home Office and the Department of Health and Social Security.

On the fears of the BBC that the Home Office might wish to exercise rather closer control over it than in the past, Mr Whitelaw was reassuring.

In reply to a question from Mr Alexander Lyon, Labour MP for York, he said he believed that the BBC and independent television should be independent of Government and Parliament.

1,100 independent schools invited to consider scheme for assisted places

A stunt rider, Eddie Kidd, aged 20, jumping 80ft across the Blackwater, in Essex, yesterday.

'Flexibility

needed in

By Our Education

education'

The report examines changes in the birth rate and concludes

that, although the number of pupils is likely to continue its downward trend into the twenty-first century, there will be wide fluctuations in numbers in the intervening years.

Unless the education system was made more flexible there

was made more flexible there would be a waste of resources and an injustice to children who were born at periods of high birth rare. In particular, there must be greater flexibility in the use of school buildings and in the employment of teachers, the report says.

Colleges and departments of

education should seek to train teachers to understand a wide

variety of tasks and age groups, and to convey that any idea of differences in prestige between a secondary and a primary school teacher was nonsense.

Teachers should be able, and

ready, to move between primary and secondary work in response to the fluctuations in the size

There should be a shift from reliance on full four-year courses of teacher training to the use of non-education gradu-

ates who had taken a one-year, postgraduate diploma in

That would reduce the size

of the fluctuating element in teacher training, and would also

facilitate a greater movement in and out of the teaching

arts or science degree would

find it easier to get jobs our-side schools than those with a Bachelor of Education degree.

The report also calls for a restructuring and toughening

of the postgraduate diploma and certificate in education courses. They should cover a full 10 or 11 months and not

iust 33 weeks or so as at

posternit, it says.

Policy Studies Institute Report
No 584, Swings for the schools,
(Policy Studies Institute, 1/2
Castle Lane, London, SWIE 6DR,
£1).

Girl of 11 made

A woman was jailed at Birm-ingham Crown Court yesterday for five years after admitting putting a girl aged 11 on the

streets as a prostitute.

Mari Rai, aged 33, of Victoria

a prostitute

profession Teachers-

of the age groups.

education.

The Government has written The Government has written to more than 1,100 independent schools in England outlining its proposed assisted places scheme and asking them to indicate provisionally whether they wish to be considered for Correspondent
Radical proposals on the
future of teacher training are but forward in a report today by Sir Charles Carter, a former Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University, and two other researchers at the Policy Studies Institute, London.

All local education authori-ties in England have also been they will not be directly involved, but their views about the operation of the scheme locally will be taken into consideration by the Secretary of State in his choice of schools. Similar letters have been sent

scheme does not apply to Scot-land or Northern Ireland. The Government hopes that the scheme will start in September, 1981. The letter says that in con-

sidering applications for pursidering applications for purticipation in the scheme Mr Government. The scales of
Mark Carlisle, Secretary of parental income for determinState for Education and ing fee remission have not been
Science, would look for schools decided. Empils may also
which can show breadth and receive Government essistance

balance of curriculum; a well with travelling of uniform established sixth form offering costs or school meal charges, a range of A level subjects; but not with boarding fees, good achievements in public. The schools would be resgood achievements in public examinations; an appropriately possible for selecting pupils to qualified and stable reaching whose assisted places would be suff; and appropriate teaching offered. The fearestary of State would wish to ensure that the schools and of the school's intake or the curriculum of maintained less, depending on the school's primary schools; and that wishes and on the Secretary of State's view of the best geo-state would wish to ensure that the selection process was fair; that the tests were not biased against wishes and on the Secretary of schools were attempting to stately view of the best geo-stately places and of the need for an equirable distribution of laces between boys and girls.

Assisted places would be Mir Carliels said that the aim

In the debate on the second reading of the Education Bill Mr Carlisls said that the aim places between boys and girls.

Assisted places would be available at the normal ages of of the scheme was "to help to meet the academic needs of direct-gram schools and 13 for most 'public schools) and in some cases on entry to the sixth form At least half of about 12,000-15,000 admissions a those receiving assisted places must come from maintained primary schools.

Pupils may have all or part the first financial year, rising to E55m.

Schools taking part have been parental income for determinated to coar at present prices from maintained to E55m.

Schools taking part have been naire and send a copy of the decided. Pupils may also school prospectus to the Gov.

to £55m.
Schools taking part have been asked to complete a questionnaire and send a copy of the school prospectus to the Goy. school prospectus to the enument by January 31.

More jobs for women urged in report

By a Staff Reporter The proportion of employed nearly doubled in six years up to 1978, from per cent of the total una ployed to 29 per cent, a rep published today states.

The report, drawn up by sion and the Manpower Servic Commission, calls for employ: to provide more and varied j opportunities for women a

Most working women are contracting industries such clothing, footwear and textil and make up only 2 per cent the workforce in the expandi chemical, mechanical engineering or instrument egineering dustries, so female unemph ment is likely to increase,

consequently, the come sions' joint working graterosmends that employers a ticipating in the MSC's yet opportunities programme school leavers should provequal participation for girls mixed schemes or, where nesary they should mount ache: designed to introduce girls nontraditional kinds of wor functional kinds of wor functional kinds of wor functional kinds of wor Opportunities for girls and we in the MSC special programme: the unemployed: (Special grammes Division (FDS) power Services Commis Selkirk House, 166 High Holl London WCIV 6FF.)

Britain helps Eire store

beef 'mountair The Irish Republic h
mountain of 75,000 tour
beef stored under EEC
Mr Oliver Murpby, chairm
the Irish Livestock and
Board, said in London y
day, Some of the beef has
placed in British cold s storage space for such a surplus. It weighs nine tin much as the present B beef "mountain" even ti Britain produces twice as beef as the republic.

Bill to alter pension benefits faces delay By Pat Healy

Social Services

The Government's intention to break the earnings link for increases in pensions is being jeopardized by pressures on the parliamentary timetable.

The social security Bill will not come up for second reading until after the Christines recess, leaving little time to complete it before decisions have to be

The proposal is the most contentious issue in the Bill. The Opposition is firmly against any change in the legal obligation on the Government to raise pensions and other long-term benefits in line with increases in either earnings or prices, whichever rises faster.

Human rights law urged by

Lord Denning

The European Convention on

Human Rights should be incor-porated into English law, Lord

Delivering the inaugural Lord

Fletcher Lecture in London on

the theme of the influence of European law, Lord Denning said that he used to think Britain's fundamental freedom

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

said vesterday.

ratrospective clause in the Bill.

"It is a constitutional ourrage and one we will vigorously
oppose" he said. "We will
challenge the Government to
say how they can carry out a
review under a proposal that is
not law."

The Government will not be
embarressed by the delay over
the Bill if Pressry forecasts
that prices will rise faster than
earnings next year prove cor-

estuings next year prove cor-rect. But assumptions about earnings have consistently

Change to a price-linked basis for benefit reviews is sleo expressed by the Government's advisers. Professor David Dennison, chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, said vessetday that earnings skould be the basis if people on low incomes, were to been page. whichever rises faster.

But the Government is under pressure from its backbenchers to do more than break the link with earnings, by ending index linking for benefits other than pensions.

The Bill is thus ensured a stormy passage, and the official likelihood of people becoming view is that it must reach the statute book by May if it is to be implemented in time for the next benefits review. Mr Jeffrey Rooker, a Labour spokesman on social security, pointed out last night that the link over 7 per cent of the Government had inserted a £18,300m budger.

Doubts on powers of new Commons committees

By Our Policical Correspondent The first of the new Com-mons departmental select commore departmental select com-mittees, that concerned with Home Office affairs, got down to business last night, but it was quickly evident that the terms of reference may not be

Crosby a solicitor who was Minister for Local Government in the 1970.74. Conservative government, the MPs expressed

football hooligans.
Mr. Whitelaw, Home Secre-tary, reminded them that of the Environment, and that trouble on football specials is tackled by British Rail polica under the Minister of Trans-

port.

Many other committees will find that their chosen topic for investigation crosses departmental borders. There is likely to be a demand for more flexible terms of reference. Another point was that almough the charmen mentioned documents about future Home Office policy which had been circulated to MPs and were mentioned by Mr. Whiteless, they were not available to the 15 reporters possent.

nesses are automatically available to the reporters Office consulted outside

wide enough.
Under the chairmanship of Mr R. Graham Page, MP for

security on foodball grounds came under the Minister for Sport, who is in the Department

Mr Whitelew also se slightly ambiguous reply asked that whenever the the select committee shot consulted simultaneously. again the availability of ments could be imported

As part of more open g ment. MPs are demanded they should be kept inforc Whether that will hap not clear from yesterday changes, but MPs must that the coverage they get the media will depend on flow of documents. flow of documents.

Other select committees elected their chairman. are:
Agriculture, Sir William
(Newtastle upon Tyne,
C); Defence, Sir John Lar
Holt (Shrewsbury, C); Edi
and Science, Mr Christophe
(Lewishem, West, Lab); E
ment, Mr John Golding
castle-under-Lyme, Lab); I
Mr Ian Lloyd (Havant and
loo, C); Industry and Tra
Douald Kaberry (Leeds,
west, C); Transport, Mr
Bradley (Leicester, East,
and Treasury and Civil 5
Mr Edward dn Cann (Taunt

Consult the Experts, you never know...

The owner of this plate did just that. He rook the plate to Sotheby's experts when they were in Durham recently and discovered he was the owner of a rare Staffordshire slipware dish by Samuel Malkin, c. 1720/30.

Although it had suffered considerable damage it realised £2,000 in a sale at New Bond Street. If you have an old piece of pottery or porcelain which

Sothebys

you think might be of value, telephone or send a clear

photograph to Joanna Forester.

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Mari Rai, aged 33, of Victoria Avenue, Small Heath, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to controlling a prostitute. Lal Khan, aged 44, the man she lived with, was convicted of living off the immoral earnings of the girl and jailed for three years. He pleaded not guilty. 'Curiosity value' sunset by US artist fetches £70,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent An atmosphere painting of the sun setting over Rio de Janeiro's harbour by the American artist Martin Johnson Heade, made £70,000 at Phillips yesterday, well beyond the highest hopes of the auction-

eers. This painting is signed and This painting is signed and dated 1864.

The painting was consigned to Phillips by Mr F. Youle, aged 80, from south London, whose grandfather went to Brazil in the 1850s and made a lot of money in the coffee trade. It is believed that the painting was brought back to England from Brazil about 1912, but until Phillips were called in the family had no idea that it had more than curiosity value.

It is the second important

It is the second important American painting to have turned up in Britain this year. Frederick Edwin Church's "Icebergs", which had hung uncon-sidered in a Manchester remand home, was sold for \$2.5m in

New York in September. The Heade was bought by Miss J. Bartman, a Londoner who acts as a commission agent. buying for a wide range of

galleries and collectors.

The underbidder was James
H. Maroney Jar, a New Yorkdealer. The painting was included in a sale of fine nineteenth and twenterbecentury pictures which totalled £163,540, with 8 per cent unsold. In two cases caricatures were bought by descendants of the also paid £5.200 (estimate £4,000 original subject. A de Polignac to £5,000) for a study of a tree

paid the top price of £1,700 (estimate £800-£1,400) for an argumentative group including the Cardinal Polignac, Father Agliata, the Abbot of St Germain. Abbe le Blond and Ghezzi himself.

The present Duc d'Harcourt paid £320 (estimate £100-£200) for a pen-and-ink caricature of were bear secured by judges. He had changed his mind. "I thought that judges were Hemri, Duc de Harcourt, who was created a Pair de France in 1700 and a masshal in 1703, and died in 1718. The Scottish National Portrait Gallery, through the agency of Leggatt's, paid £450 (estimate £250£350) sufficient to protect us without incorporating the European con-vention. What has clianged my mind is the tendency nowadays for judges to forget their duty." Some judges were not strong for a portrait caricature of the Earl of Southesk, a supporter of the Old Pretender.

At Caristie's a two-session sale of Chinese and Korean ceranics and works of art made £396,450, with 17 per cent unsold. A Ming globular bottle vase of the fifteenth or early sixteenth century made the top price at £36,000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000).

Christie's sale of English and Welsh ceramics made £33,247, with 18 per cent unsold. Jellinek and Sampson paid £3,600 (estimate £1,500-£2,000) for a London Delft vase in the form of a seated cat.

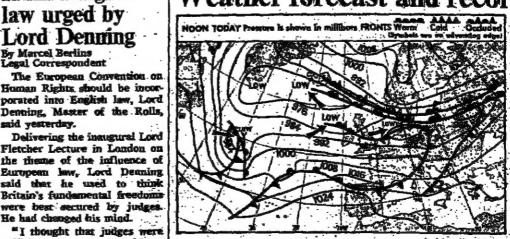
At Sotheby's a ravishing pastel portrait of a woman in Maltese costume by the great French pastellist, Jean-Etienne Liotard, dating probably from a 1733 visit to Malta, made £53,000 (estimate £30,000 to £50,000). £50,000). It went to Columnit's.

Lord Denning cited The Sunday Times chalidomide case as an estample of a fundamental principle, that of freedom of expression having to be confirmed by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg after the Rouse of Lords had decided in the opposits direction. direction.

Referring also to birching in the Isle of Man and to a case on the closed shop still before on the closed strop suit desired the European commission, Lord Denning said: "Here were principles of the European convention, and the only way of getting them tested and applied was by petitioning to the European commission in

"How much better it would be if the convention were to be part of our law and we the judges, could apply it. We have ratified it and we have approved it, but it is not part of our law. It ought to be.

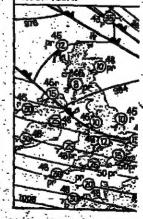
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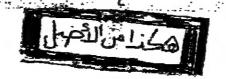
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle ;







The Commission for Racial Equality, which in October saued its first non-discriminaion notice to a working men's club, said yesterday that it was letermined to end all racial liscrimination by clubs.

The Mount Pleasant United

Working Men's Club, at Reservoir Road Edgbaston, Birmingham, had refused to have black members for 23 years, refused to admit blacks

After an investigation during which the club made clear that the would not change its practices until forced to do so by aw, the commission issued the aw, the commission issued the visions in just the same way as notice, its first to a club under others."

The report says that initially lt. had previously issued the club's solicitor said the gennotices to a Birmingham et al feeling was that "members estaurant, a London public were guite prepared to work louse and a children's home to with and live near coloured sussex. Another club, the people but did not want to work mad Social Institute, Leeds, is them."

A committee member said the member said Jussex Another club, the Woodhouse Recreation Club and Social Institute Leeds is under investigation and a report s expected in the new year... The commission said in Birm, ngham yesterday that the Vount Pleasant club accepted hat it had acted unlawfully and bad given an assurance

het it would comply with the aw in future.

The CIU had notified all its nated four million members in the terms of the 1976 Act.

The commission says in a member of clubs we believe continue to hiscriminate with respect to members or guests and issociates. The law states learly that if they have 25 nembers or more this is unlawful.

Blanket rules that no one who is black can become a nember or visit a club, candot se allowed."

The Mount Pleasant club, nembers, candidates for mem will not be open to anyone un-tership and associates equally, til February."

It has also told the commis sion that over the next five years it will supply information on numbers of new members, names and addresses of etimic minority members and any re-fusals of membership.

The report continues: "What ceive whether as members or rears, refused to admit blacks ally mixed clubs and they are who were associate members as friendly and farmonious as under the Club and Institute all white clubs. There is no readmin (CIU) or to allow its son why Mount Pleasant should 1.290 members to introduce a not be the same.

not be the same.

"Some members may, of course, initially resent the change, but we believe that the club will find that it will soon he accepting black members and visions in just the same way as others."

A committee member said that the club feared a " deluge

that the club feared a "deluge" of blacks.

The original complainant, Mr Josephus Thomas, who was of African origin and served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, has since died.

He had been refused admission sion as an associate member when he went to Mount Pleasant with three white friends in Peb-

with three white friends in February last year.

Mr Malcolm Smith, the commission's principal officer for educational services in London, said zelks were being held with the CRI on what action to take about clubs that discriminated.

Mr A Wood, assistant secretary of the Mount Pleasant club, said later: "Notices are posted and employees have been given instructions. We have had several coloured people in as guests — not a lot, mind you—who, have been treated courteously. Membership applications ously. Membership applications

Policy may promote discord says council-

By Annabel Ferriman The Government's immigra-

tion policy was criticized as racially biased and likely to promote racial discord by the British Youth Council yester-

Mr Peter Mandelson, chairman of the council, which represents about four million young geople said at the open-ing of an exhibition at the House of Commons that the council was committed to cam-paigning for racial harmony and for that reason was opposed to the Government's immigration

The council was not opposed to regulating the number of immigrants allowed into the country, but objected to discriminating between immigrants are rectal grounds. on racial grounds.

A recent meeting of the council passed a unanimous council passed a unanimous motion condemning the immi-gration proposals, he said Young Conservatives and Conservative students were represented at the meeting, as well as Young Socialists, the National Association of Youth Clubs, the Scouts and all the main youth organizations. The council exhibition

designed to promote good race relations. It displays facts about immigration, including the numbers arriving and the proportion of coloured people in the lower-paid unskilled and semi-skilled jobs. The exhibition is sponsored

by the Abbey National building society, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Royal Jubiles Trusts. It is to go to the Commonwealth Institute and about 20 branch offices of Abber National in Britain Abbey National in Britain. Sir William Campbell Adam

son, chairman of Abbey National said the society was supporting the council's exhibi-tion because it agreed with its ideas and wanted to attract young people to invest with the many parts of the country where there was a high con-centration of ethnic minorities. Whitehall brief: Troops, assault craft and helicopters ready for Operation Giraffe

Army plan for relief of London if Thames overflows

The Army has prepared a contingency plan to assist in the relief of London should the Thames burst its banks before the barrier is completed across Woolwich Reach in December.

Codenamed raffe", it has been drafted by staff of the London District and approved by the Ministry of Defence as part of its standing instructions for military aid to the civil community in

peacetime emergencies.

Described by the contingency planning community as a classic little plan", it involved au instant axitial deployment of more than 300 men, 40 assault craft and four helicontent. copters. The number of men and the quantity of support equipment can be increased substantially and rapidly if flooding proves extensive.

The worst case envisaged by which has overall responsibility for relief operations, encompasses 45 square miles of London, 250,000 dwellings, 50 Underground stations, 35 hospitals and the heart of governments. ment in Westminster and Whitehall. The cost of damage, in this instance, could reach £3,500m.

The Army's role is to assist the local authorities and the Metropolitan Police in a vari-ety of reconnaissance, relief, igned to be implemented in three phases whose timing is determined by "H—bour", the moment of expected flooding at London Bridge.

Phase One. (Up to H minus one hour): Scotland Yard will warn the military operations room at London District headquarters adjoining Horse Guards Parade of imminent flood danger. Advance parties will

out to establish five group



searching for casualties and

Civic Centre, Wood Green, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Carford Police Station, Wimb-

Carford Police Station, Wimbledon Town Hall and the New
Civic Hall, Uxbridge.

They will be accompanied by
detachments of Royal Military
Police and service liaison
officers, whose task is to
coordinate operations with local
authorities and police. Househald Caralry hendquarters will hold Cavalry headquarters will move to the GLC's flood control centre at Kingsway to coordinate the work By "H-hour" task forces By "H-hour" task forces will have joined headquarters

staff at the five GMHQ's. The Scots Guards will move from Chelses Barracks to Wood Green and Waltham Forest. from Woolwich Barracks will

Men of the Royal Artillery out to esteblish five group muster at Catford. Coldstream military beadquarters Guardsmen from Caterbam are (GMEQ's) at the Haringey assigned to Wimbledon and

men from the Guards Depot at Pirbright will go to Uxbridge. Each task force will comprise 60 men with radios, Land-Rovers, four-ton trucks and assault craft. They will be supported by medical personand water teams.

As normal water supply could become contaminated very quickly, each man will be inoculated against typhoid. pararyphoid, tetanus and poliomyelitis. He will carry an indi-vidual water sterilizing kit. The troops will also be equipped with picks, shovels, rope, first aid kit and torches. Phase Two, (H minus one to H plus two): In the period of initial flooding GMHQ's will

assess its nature and extent.
using part of their task forces for reconnaissance and forward area.
radio communication. The rest Phase Three. (H plus two and will be employed in saving life. after): The plan assigns to the

preventing further flooding by sandbagging. The Royal Engineers have 50,000 sandbags in readiness.

Military police will assist the
Metropolitan Police and provide guides and traffic control for task forces on the move. They will also be responsible

crime among military person-London District will move its operations room from Horse Guards, which will swiftly become inundated, to alternae accommodation in Regents Park Barracks, situated, like the five GMHO's and the GLC Centre, well inside the dry

for the maintenance of dis-cipline and the prevention of

military five tasks that could last for several days: 1, control and security of flooded areas; 2, strengthening of river defences; 3. distribution of food; 4, mud clearance and drying out of buildings: 5,

general repair work.

It will be in this phase that reinforcements will arrive in strength if required. The Royal Air Force has agreed to pro-vide 70 officers, 2,400 men and 74 police in addition to its initial deployment of four helicopters to augment the two helicopters operated by the

Many more helicopters from civil and military sources would be rapidly available if the London District asked for them. The RAF contingents will muster at Stanmore Park, will muster at Stanmore Park, Helton and Uxbridge.

The Royal Navy has not offered a precise complement of men and equipment, as supply will be determined by the disposition of the Fleet at the time. Those that are available will group at Chatham and Northwood.

Additional Army personnel

Metropolitan Police.

will gather at the Cavalry Bar racks, Hourstow, Chelsea Bar-racks and Caterham. Stores, vehicles and equipment will

group at Feltham, where stock-piles are kept in permanent Several hundred

boats should also be available to augment the 20 on instant standby at Chelsea, the 10 at Woolwich and the 10 at Pirbright.
Operation Giraffe "

most recently exercised on October 31 at the surt of the "flood season", which lasts until April The five GMHQ's were established and the Guards took to the water for the first time. Police escorted them from Chelsea Barrac's to Purney, where they embarked. Twenty boats, complete with Royal Engineers crews, successfully navigated the river from Putney to the Isle of

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Immigration rules racialist, students say

Easing of building control

forecast by Mr Heseltine

about squatting.

Organization with responsibility for housing, said that the com-bination of the sale of council

houses and the Government's

proposals to introduce short-hold tenancies in the private

sector could lead to thousands

He suggested that all build-

ing by local authorities, includ-

ing housing, and by statutory

undertakings might be exempt from control. Supervision of Private house building might be delegated to the NHBC,

And subject to health and safety considerations, a number of minor building alterations and extensions might also be

exempted. Mr Heseltine added. Repair safeguards: Steps to help home buyers and protect owners from disreputable repair

workers are proposed by build

ing industry employers in budget suggestions to the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer (the

They suggest an increase from £25,000 to £40,000 in the value

limit of houses attracting mort-gage interest relief, and an end

to value-added tax for building repair work.

Press Association reports).

rom Diana Geddes

Conservative students jained eft wing colleagues at the Vational Union of Students conrerence in Blackpool yesterday to the Government's proposals nericicizing the Government's to vote against them when they proposed new immigration are introduced to the House of proposed new immigration ules as racialist, sexist and a violation of the European Con-

riolation of the European Con-vention on Human Rights.

Mr Stuart Bayliss, chairman its last day voted to accept of the Federation of Conserve, squatting as part of the union's vive Students, said later that maximal housing policy, and ive Students, said later that; he federation was appalled by the Government's policy on-immigration. The new proposals "pandered to unedu-cated fears for false electoral

The Government had been pushed into a corner by its niments. The action it had aken to "moderate" or limit them more recially dis-

By Our Planning Reporter
Relaxations in the complex and frequently time-consuming system of building control were forecast yesterday by Mr. Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Epytronment.

Department officials made clear that the proposals, made

in a speech to the annual luncheon of the National House

Building Council (NHBC), should be seen as the basis of

a consultation paper to be cir-culated within the next few

devs.
Mr Heseltine told his audience that he wanted comments.

of just rinkering with the prob-lem", he said. Building con-

trols were just one manifesta-

influenced both the nation's aconomic activity and its en-

I am not in the business

that there are racists in our The conference voted to start a national campaign to "violently oppose" the Govern-ment's Housing Bill. Students change their views". He called on Conservative MPs opposed also voted to organize a mass demonstration in the spring against the Prevention of Terrorism Acr. A proposal to support all pickets of prisons holding prisoners arrested under the Acr was defeated. Commons in January, and not just to abstain.

On Friday two students from instructed the NUS executive to organize workshops, con-ferences and literature to educate local student unions under the Act on arrival at Liverpool on their way to the conference. They were held without charge for 26 hours before being released. Mr Sean Costello, executive officer of the London Students

A motion condemning the dis missal of Mr Derek Robinson, the British Levland communist shop steward, and calling for a campaign against the Government's Employment Bill, was narrowly defeated after being opposed by communist students.

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Mr Michael Whitaker, coordi-pator of the National Campaign

for Victims of Crime, whose daughter, aged eight, was murdered, 10 years ago, called yesterday for a royal commission on the improvement of

compensation for crime victims
The establishment of a commission is one of eight reforms
for which the campaign, under
the chairmanship of Lord Long-

Mr Whitaker has calculated from official figures that 11

average every hour of the day and hight. He is alarmed, he says, at the way victims are casually dismissed as mere statistics and "a legal irrele-

directed by Mr Peter Thomp-

To examine the plight of victims

of violence are com-

ford, is pressing.

The campaign,

Inquiry into religious sect not unlawful, judge rules

An investigation by the Charity Commissioners into the known as the Exclusive Breth-ren was not unlawful or un-fair. Mr Justice Fox ruled in the High Court yesterday.

A two-year inquiry was con-ducted by Mr Rugh Francis, QC, who castigated elements of the sect, who pursue a doctrine known as separation from He reported: "The doctrine

is barmful and calculated to disrupt family ties and perfectly normal and proper business re-lationships. It has caused widespread discress and anguish among many deeply religious and decent people and is against the true interests of the community ". As a result of his report the

harity Commissioners refused to register any meeting place of the Brethren who adopt the doc-

terday to grant four members

action was made when Lord Longford's Bill to improve aid

Lords. During its second read-

ing Lord Belstead, Under-Secre-tary of State, Home Office, said

the criminal injuries compensa-

revised, but a trial period would be wise before the introduction

In view of the Government's

One point in the campaign's

programme is that the scheme

should be revised and the Criminal Injuries Compensation

A change urged by the cam-paign organizers is that victims of violent crimes should have a

statutory right to compensation and not be dependent on ad-

ministrative ex gratia compen-sation awards. Safeguards for victims should include a right

promise to act. Lord Longford

of legislation.

withdrew his Bill.

victims was progressing in through the House of

Mr Justice Fox refused yes-

Call to improve aid for victims of crime

of the sect declarations that the Charity Commissioners had acted outside their powers in promoting the inquiry and in

He ruled that the inquiry had not infringed the rules of nat-ural justice but had been purely a fact-finding inquiry. He said that if the Brethren wanted to challenge the Charity Commissioners' refusal to register they could bring an action in the

Under the doctrine, laid down in 1959, the judge said, memto maintain contact with another not in fellowship with them; they were to divorce any spouse, and ostracize any child over 12 not in fellowship; they were not allowed to cat at the same table, or have business or social relations, with any who did not share their beliefs. They were not allowed television or radio sets in their mes, or to go to the theatre

The medical professions and staffs should be mobilized to

provide therapeutic and other treatment. The needs of injured

Powers given to courts to

against offenders should be ex-

Victims'

schemes throughout the coun

It urges that the right of sola

tium, which exists in Scotland-

compensation for pain, grief and

loss—should be extended to England and Wales. Under it provision should be made for

parents of murdered children,

widowers of murdered wives

murder victims not now eligible

A £50,000 appeal to finance

the campaign was launched by Mr Thompson, who is also principal trustee of The

principal trustee of Matthew Trust, its sponsors.

for help and compensation.

aided, the campaign save

should be Government-

compensation orders

the campaign says.

award

rended.

developed combat protection gear, gas detection apparatus and first-aid kits designed for chemical warfare.

ability to wage chemical war now greatly exceeded the

3,000 acres for chemical war training

From Our Correspondent An area of 3,000 acres of Salisbury Plain within the Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton Down, is to be used for chemical warfare

battle-training. It is being set up in response to the growing chemical war-fare capability of the Warsaw

From January two companies a month from British infantry regiments will be sent to the battle run for 48-hour exercises. during which they will be sub-jected to simulated chemical

Porton yesterday by Colonel David Whitaker, senior military officer at the 7,000-acre establishment, when reporters were for their first detailed inspec-The British troops, who may

be followed by contingents from other Nato countries, will be sprayed from the air by the Porton flight of adapted Hunters based at Boscombe Down
The simulants will test newly

Porton's director, Dr Rex Watson, said the Warsaw Pact's

West's.

But the United Kingdom had

some of the best equipment in Nato for defence against chemical and germ warfare, he added.
The establishment's work force has gone down from 900 to 700 since the 1976 White Paper on Defence recommended big cuts in Britain's chemical and biological warfare pro-

Porton's foreign sales record is impressive. It has sold a million smoke grenades and 200,000 protective combat suits to the Americans, and hig hopes are pinned on the NAIAD (Nerve Agents Immobilize Alarm and Detector), selling

Six guilty of plot over £93,000 tea subsidy

nookkeper, of Stoke Newington, north London, was sent to prison for 33 months. Edward Check, aged 31, a company director, of Cockfosters, Hertfordshire, described as a "ring-leader", was remanded for sentence next week. Both were found not guilty

had Eleven charged with offences connec ted with a scheme introduced in 1974 to keep prices down. y which the Government paid 7.2p in the pound subsidy Mr Michael Coombe, for the prosecution, said the con-spiracy, a "swindle on the Government and the taxpayers", involved invoicing the Government for subsidies on substantial sales of tea which never took place

An inquest is being held into

Two men were found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of being involved in a £93,000 conspiracy to defraud the Government over a tea subsidy scheme.

Charles Bryce, aged 44. a hookkeper, of Stoke Newington, north London, was sent to prison for 33 months. Edward Edmonton, was given a 15-month sentence, suspended for two years, and fined £300 and Roy Leary, aged 33, of Chingford, Essex, was given a similar suspended sentence and fined E300.

Barking, Essex, was found not guilty during the trial on the judge's direction. He had pleaded not guilty. Four men who pleaded not guilty were acquitted. They were: Richard Cheek, aged 54, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordsbire :

Robert Steele, aged 40, of Bournemouth; John Collins, aged 36, of Upper Edmonton; and Peter Matthews, aged 40, of Barkingside. Mr Bryce and Mr Cheek were

found guilty of conspiring to defraud the Ministry of Agri-An inquest is being held into the defraud the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food aged 46, tea merchant of Kimburly Close, Christchurch, Dorset.

Runald Clark, aged 40, of ing involved in the conspiracy.

Accounts manager freed after £27,000 fraud

ployers of more than £27,000, cheques was sentenced by Judge Morton to two years' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

ing St Paul's School with six O between September, 1977, and considered.

Stephen Rockman, aged 24, September, 1978. During that who was said at Knightsbridge time he paid just over \$27,000 Crown Court, London, vester of Thomson money into his own day, to have defrauded his em- bank account by forging

Mr Rockman, of Warwick Avenue, Maida Vale, London. had told the police that he paid Mr David Blair, for the debts with the money, bought prosecution, said that after leav- gifts for his girl-whom he has since married-ond hought himlevels and three A levels, Mr self a new £6.000 car. He Rockman was employed as an pleaded guilty to 11 charges of accounts manager with Thom- forgery and deception and asked son Regional Newspapers Ltd for 16 similar offences to be



A telegram's worth a thousand words.

Even if you've missed the last post for Christmas, you can still (up to noon on December 21st) send a telegram anywhere in the world for delivery by Christmas Day. In certain countries your message may have to be delivered by phone.

HOME NEWS

Employers and union unhappy at 21% rise

By Hugh Clayton

A pay rise of 21 per cent for 130,000 rural workers was ratified yesterday in the face of strong opposition from emplayers. Trade union and in-dependent members of the Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales combined to outvote farmers by 12 to eight.

A rise of £9.50 to £58 a week A rise of 19.50 to 258 a week on basic rates for workers on farms and in market gardens will take place on January 21. The award was criticized by both sides yesterday. The National Farmers' Union called it excessive and the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers said it was unsatisfac-

The workers' union adopted a claim for a basic weekly wage of £100 a week despite receiving advice from Mr Jack Boddy, the general secretary, that £80 multi be more realistic. The award includes an increase in the annual holiday from three weeks to four over the next two years, but a claim for a shorter working week was rejected.

The NFU said that the award would add £120m a year to farmers' costs when their incomes were falling from levels that were already "abysmally low". were already "abysmally low".

The NFU said that the farmworkers' claim for £100 a week
was ridiculous and walked out
of a meeting of the board early
in November. Both sides are
to make recommendations for
accelerating the negotiating
process. Mr Boddy said yesterday that it was ridiculous
that in two days of talks the
employers' and workers' delegations were together for only
half an hour. He considered
the present system "slow and
inefficient".

Leaders of the NUAAW will

Leaders of the NUAAW will Leaders of the NORAW with prepare to feed off attempts at their 1980 delegate conference to withdraw from the wages board system in favour of a joint industrial council. Mr Boddy believes that so many members work in isolation, with little chance of concerted industrial action, that the wages board system offers them better protection than any other.

Scarred girl awarded £13.000 damages

Tracey Sutton, aged six, whose face was scarred in a routine operation at Frimley Hospital, Camberley, Surrey, four years ago, was awarded £13,000 agreed damages. in the High Court yesterday.

The girl, of Park Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, underwent an operation to clear congested nostrils but a cauterizing agent left scars and she now had " two large, ugly bumps under her nostrils", Mr Henry Summerfield, her counsel, said.

He told Mr Justice Comyn that the girl had needed 16 further operations to repair the damage and would need still more, but it was unlikely that the bumps would look any better than they did now. It was feared she might become psychologically upset in her teens because of this disfigure-

Judgment with costs was given against Surrey Area Health Authority.

Evidence invited on animal cruelty

Written evidence on animal cruelty is being invited by the House of Lords Committee on the Laboratory Animals Protection Bill, a private member's measure introduced by Lord Halsbury. They invite replies to these questions:

Is the present law and administration for controlling the number and use of laboratory animals un-satisfactory; if so, in what

respects:
What new statutory provisions
ought to be made? To what extent does this Bill meet the need
for reform? Replies should be sent to the clerk of the committee at the

House of Lords.

Christmas trees taken Thieves have cut down 250 Christmas trees valued at 5750 in the Forestry Commission's plantation at Fritham, near Lyndhurst, Hampshire.



Rhyme, a Whitbread shire horse aged 16, which used to pull the Lord Mayor's coach, starting his retirement at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, at Singleton, near Chichester.

Chief constable warns politicians over 'bash the police bandwagon'

Britain was witnessing a "potentially suicidal tug of war for the affections of the public towards its police". Mr James the affections of the public towards its police", Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, said last

On one side were those who understood the police. On the other was a growing army of motley political activists "who, with other perverse responses, roar with disapproval at one single alleged assault by police but remain completely and odiously silent over evidence of a thousand battered policemen". policemen".

Mr Anderton told the Central and North Yorkshire group of the Royal Institute of Public Administration in Leeds that it was surprising that steps were being taken, on the flimsiest premises imaginable, to pro-mote fresh law for increased accountability of chief con-

"In this connexion it appears I have been singled out, not for the first time, as a classic modesty forbids me to say per-fect—example of a new breed of chief constable ready, it is szid, to deny the authority of

absurd this is. I believe that the properly exhibited public strength of chief constables is now being seized upon as spurious ground for the eventual subordination of the police function to political control, which would hereld the end, not the beginning of democratic the beginning, of democratic policing in this country and the effective silencing of police voices the public are entitled to hear. May God preserve us

from that." The position of the police service lay about halfway between a totally approved and acceptable community function and a partly suspected and slightly ostracized arm of mis-understood officialdom.

"Difficulties arise when, regrettably, the police fail; when crime and corruption are seen to flourish in the force and public confidence is lost; when allegations of police brutality appear to mount, and the the police are accused of closing ranks to prevent dis-

an alarming sunosphere sny-thing can happen, and the worst is happening now. "Singular cases involving police, rightly and properly brought to public notice, are being used to build a thoroughly distorted picture alleging widespread police mal-

"Politicians of a certain hue are jumping on the bash the police bandwagon, demanding greater accountability from police, and explanations are being sought by people who really ought to find out exactly what it is they seek and where their requests will take them before they actually open their mouths."

Mr Anderton said he would leave the police service if apartheid laws were introduced in Britain, or if the police should become answerable only to national party politicians, or if, as a chief constable, he become wiwile subardinated to became wirely subordinated to the wishes of local or national

Temperature

cut to save oil

The Department of Energy is to reduce from 68°F to 66°F the temperature above

which it is illegal to use fuel-

to heat non-domestic buildings.

The proposal, which is part

of the Government's review of energy saving measures, is expected to save the equivalent of about im tonnes of oil a

year, or 6 to 8 per cent of the energy now used to heat non-domestic buildings.

One man was killed and two others seriously injured when

they were electrocated by over-head power cables in Guildford

Surrey yesterday while putting

up burning to warn people of the cables. The accident happened when a steel pole

they were carrying touched an 11,000-volt electric cable.

Electrocution death

London borough faces writ | In brief over £30m town hall plan

By Chrisopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

Southwark Borough Council's plan to build a town hall, costing an estimated £30m at 1978 prices, is to be challenged in the High Court.

The Attorney General, acting on behalf of three objectors, vesterday issued a writ against the council, seeking declarations that the proposal is out-side the council's powers and lacks planning permission.

The objectors are members of the Peckham Action Group, which has opposed the scheme eince its incaption. The writ, issued in the Queen's Bench Division, challenges the validity of a resolution made in 1978

by a sub-committee of the council's establishment committee to seek outline planning permission for the development of a site in Peckham town hall.

The writ also seeks a declaration that the council's planning and development committee went beyond its powers with a resolution for the redevelopment of the site, and claims that no planning permission exists for redevelopment.

A council spokesman said last night that they would oppose the writ.

Opposition to the plan also came from within the controlling Labour group on the

Judge's order upheld over jury vetting application

assault case against two police assault case against two points officers should be provided with confidential police information for possible use in jury-vetting questions, failed in the High Court in London yester-

In pre-trial proceedings at Sheffield Crown Court on October 4, Judge Pickles allowed a defence application for an order requiring the chief constable of South Yorkshire to provide defence and prosecuting solicitors. provide defence and prosecut-ing solicitors with particulars of any criminal convictions recorded against members of the jury panel.

A challenge to a judge's stable contended that the judge order that solicitors in an had no legal authority to make

the order.

But Lord Widgery, the Lord
Chief Justice, and Mr Justice
Park, sitting in the Queen's
Beach Divisional Court, dismissed the chief constable's

authority to interfere.

The police officers, who are being supported by the Police Federation, were awarded their Yesterday the chief con- chief constable.

haired man. Rock concert fine

Underground search Fifty policemen travelled on the London Underground yes-terday in an attempt to find witnesses to she abduction of Martin Allen, axed 15, the son of a chauffeur at the Australian High Commission. He disap-peared on November 5 and was last seen with a tall, blond-

The Hon David Lytton Cobbold was fined £125 by Stevenage magistrates for allowing a concert by the rock group Ing a content by the tack group and Led Zeppelin at his home at Knebworth House, near Stevenage to over run its time limit. The group finished at 1 am but the concert had been licenced only until midnight.

Big families to lose free welfare food

The free welfare food scheme for lerge families is to end on January 1, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, amounced in a parliamentary written reply yesterday. At the same time the prices of vitamin drops and tabless sold at child health clinics and welfare food distribution centres will go up.

Expectant mothers with two or more children under fave

will no longer receive five welfare milk and vitemins, unless they receive we were mark and viteration unless they receive supplement tary henefit or family income supplement, or claim or grounds of low income.

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Also excluded will be the third and subsequent children in families with at least three children under school age.

Mr Jenkin made clear that the change would affect only those families receiving free welfare foods because of their size. Those with low incomes would sail be entitled to claim, and there would be no change

and there would be no change for children attending approved day nurseries, playgroups or

day nurseries, playgroups or childminders.

Handicepped children aged five to 16 and who were not registered school pupils would also still qualify for free welfare milk and foods.

The savings in England for 1980-81 were expected to be about £1.8m, and £2.5m in each subsequent year. In addition, families not receiving free welfare foods would have to pay between 1p and 2p a week pay between 1p and 2p a week more for vitamin supplements. Bottles of children's vitamin

director of the Child Poverty
Action Group. She pointed out
that only 1.8 per cent of poor
femilies claimed free welfare
foods on low income grounds,
while national food survey
data showed that they fell
behind official recommendations for nutritional and energy
intakes.

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intakes.

But Miss Lister welcomed the announcement of a date for the extension to people other than a parent of child benefit for the first child in a singleparent family.

That change, which is expected to help lone grand parents particularly, is to be implemented on February 1 next. Miss Lister regretted that next Miss Lister regretted that the extra benefit would not also be paid to prisoners' wives bringing up children alone.
'Stingy' decision: Mr Stanley Orme, Labour MP for Salford, West, who was Minister for Social Security in the Labour

Social Security in the Lebour Government, criticized the Government's decision; saying it would hit the working, poor femilies very seriously Miss Donagh McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock, who first sported the Government's change of benefits in the White Paper on public expenditure, said: "I could not believe that the Government could be so sungy."

WEST EUROPE

Vance warning to Soviet Union on new Nato missiles

Mr. Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, chose Berlin to have a forceful speech delivered on the issues the Nato meeting in Brussels faces, to describe the military situation and to tell the Soviet Union that security decisions were the concern of everyone. Mr Vance intended to speak

at the adjust diamen of the Berlin Press Conference. Since he was pressed for time the speech was delivered by Mr. George Vest, his deputy assistant Secretary for European Affairs.

pean Affairs.
In Berlin, a city often used as a testing ground for the sincerity of detente policy, Mr Vance reminded the Soviet Union, without naming it, of the responsibility of the four responsibility of the four responsibility of the delicate the responsibility of the four powers to maintain the delicate balance of interests which developed in and around the city—of the four powers rights and responsibilities for "Berlin" as a whole "

"There should be no temperation to use Berlin as a point of pressure in reaction to developments in other areas of the control of the contr

developments in other areas of East-West relations", he stated. His speech focused on military security—defence and arms control—and he told the Soviet Union that it insisted, in the mame of detente, that the West accepted a trend towards manifest inequality.

"The West cannot be passive in this situation", he said. "From a polysical standpoint, to do so would constitute a curious approach to detente. It

to no wo would constitute a Cir-ious approach to detente. It would say to the world that Western security decisions are the business of both East and West—but that those of the East are for Moscow to make

alone. For the West to acquiesce in such a notion could tempt.

Moscow to risk other kinds of pressure on other issues. I need not remind, this eudiesce how gravely this would undermine the only sensible basis for cooperation between East and West—the principle of mutual security."

Mr Vance described in detail the Europolicy of maintaining deterrents and of pursuing arms control. This would be at the heart of Nam's strategy in the

It was crucial that the Rusit was crucial that the Russians were not to be tempted to believe that strategic party between the superpowers meant that Europe's defence could be separated from that of the United States or that the Soviet Union Eaself could remain immune from a military conflict in Kurope. Thus Nato required a full range of capabilities to respond to any level of military challenge and there should be no gap in this continuum of forces, Mr Vance said.

Such a gap could emerge if we should fall to modernize Nato's long range theatre nuclear forces. The Soviet Union, having achieved strategic parity, appears now to be driving to a nuclear preponderance in the European

theatre."
Mr Vance said that by replacing aging long range theatre nuclear systems with highly survivable and more capable systems the deployments of the missiles would reduce the chance that the Soviet Union wight preceive however incormight perceive, however incor-rectly, a gap in Nato's spectrum of deterrents.

For two important reasons the decision of Nato should not be delayed, he said: first because no one could know in advance that tasks on arms limitation would succeed; and second, the West must demonstrate its seriousness about modernization or the Seviets will have no visible incentive to negotiate reductions in forces

Mr Vance spoke of a special attitude on the part of the allies when facing the 1980s: "An attitude I would describe as sober optimism". As to the future of Fact. West relations gravely this would undermine the only sensible basis for cooperation between East and West—the principle of mutual be marked by deep differences but at the same time efforts to broaden the areas of cooperation should be sought.

Dutch look for way out of their nuclear dilemma

From Robert Schuil

From Robert Schin
Amsterdam, Dec 10
The Dunch Cabinet will not decide before tomorrow—perhaps not even before early Wednesday morning—the stand that it will adopt in Brussels on Wednesday when Nato discusses Wednesday when Nato discusses modernization of thesage nuclear forces. There is much speculation in

Bottles of children's vitamin drops would rise from 100 to 1982 after evaluation of pro- 140 on January 1, and containers of vitamin tablets for expectant and nursing mothers from 24p to 30p.

The changes were described as a "very mean cut" last night by Miss Ruth Lister, It has also been suggested that The Netherlands will offer the station a second Dutch army

Mr Barend Biesheuvel, Mr Piet de Jong and Mr Jelle Zijlstra said in a letter to Par-

French President

Khama, President of Botswana. The award is accompanied by a cash prize of \$50,000 (F22,700). President Giscard d'Estaing said half the amount would be used for a field hospital in Kampuchea and the remainder for building a refugee camp school in Botswana.

liament that, if no decision on the misseles is taken, if will dissipate the East's readiness to negotiate.

to negotiate.

Germans firm: Mr van Agt, the Dutch Prime Minister, mer Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to day to discuss the missile problem, but a statement afterwards indicated no wavering of the German's strong support for the Nato plan (writes Patricia Clough in Bonn).

Mr van Agt, accompanied by

There is much speculation in The Hagne on the compromise being worked out to save both Holland's credibility as a Nato partner and Mr Andries van Agr's Cabinet from being brought down by a vote of censure in Parliament. The indications are that the Dutch Government will ask the Nato allies to postpone until 1982—sfor evaluation of progress in the strategic arms limitation talks—eny decision are deployment of the new decision that the Soviet SS20s.

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Herr Schmidt and Herr Hausent Services in the Foreign in Personne and Herr Hausent against the Soviet SS20s. Herr Schmidt and Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, are understood to feel that the plan must be supported convincingly by the whole alliance, and not just some of its members.

The Germans believe that Nato solidarity is an essential basis on which to embark on disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union, once the plan has been approved. They have also insisted that

West Germany should not be the only non-nuclear Nato country to have the weapons on its soil for fear of seeming aggressive to its important Eastern

Strikes threaten Italy in

Nobel prize winner attacks lega abortion

From Our Corresponden

ized abortion are the poor countries in the world , a countries in the world, si Mother Teresa in her addr after receiving the Nobel per prize today.

Speaking without notes, i saticized nun issued a heartf-appeal to humanity to respe the saccity of life from ti moment of conception un the moment of death. Her infe-tious spirit had even the norm ally self-conscious Norwegian gladly joining her in repeating the prayer for peace of S Francis of Assist.

Francis of Assisi.

In his speech, the chairmar of the Nobel committee, Mr John Sanness said this year's award had introduced a new interpretation of the concept of peace—one which is probably more in keeping with the original aims of Alfred Nobel, and based on the maxim of a previous prize-winner, Albert Schweitzer—"veneration for the process of the content of th

Repeating her first comm Repeating her first comment upon being advised of the award. Mother Teress said she was unworthy of it, while hap-pity accepting it on behalf of the poor and hungry of the whole world.

whole world.

Holiness, she said, was not the luxury of the few, but the duty of all; and giving bestowed holiness upon the giver. This award, apart from the immediate physical good it would provide, would help to bring about an understanding between rich and poor.

Mother Teresa's programme in Oslo has been a heavy one, including an ecumenical service at the Oslo Lutheran cathedral. The reaction of the Norwegians has been spontaneously

ians has been spontaneously warm, and several thousand marchers accompanied the prize-winner in a torchlight proprize-winner in a forcing in procession yesterday evening to the headquarters of the Missionary Society where a peoplea' giff of 359,000 kroner (£33,000) was presented. This amount has helped to swell the prize value of 960,000 kroner in addition to the 20,000 kroner in addition to the 20,000 kroner in addition to the 20,000 kroner which he the 30,000 kroner which have been earmarked for the trad-tioned banquet, abandoned a

Before she leaves Oslo of Wednesday, it is expected the even more funds will be mad available for her work in Calcutta and elsewhere.

citta and elsewhere.

In contrast to some contentious decisions of recent year the award of the Nobel peak prize to Mother Teresa has movith universal approval in Noway, and has helped to renefaith in the institution and i objectives.

Two Germanies will keep time together

Berlin, Dec 10.—East Gemany will put its clocks forwa by one hour on April 6 ne year and maintain its fit period of "summertime" un announced today.
West Germany and Ausp

vili also operate between the same dates.
The decision by the thr German-speaking countries introduce daylight-saving th means that the whole of cent Europe, with the exception Switzerland, will once more on the same time-scale us summer-two hours shead Greenwich Mean Time. The Government today to

East Germans that the me would mean savings in elect city used for lighting and le ger time in the evenings i sport and recreation. It wou also make timetable planni easier for transcontinental tra

awarded Nansen Medal From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Dec 10 The Nansen Medal for 1979 was today awarded to President Giscard d'Estaing as a tribute to what France has done in giving a new home to refugees, includ-ing 75,000 from Indochina over

the past four years.

The medal, named after Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, scholar and High Commissioner for refugees in the League of Nations, has been awarded annually since 1954. Last year it went to Sir Seretse Khama, President of Botswana.

week of industrial unrest From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 10

This week is shaping up as the worst for the number of strikes so far this year. Today the printers stop work, so news-papers will not be on sale tomorrow when printers work-ing for periodicals stop for the

Hospitals and all local government offices from municipel to regional level are also due to be brought to a stop tomorrow, for the day, while telephone and telex operators will be out for four hours. Wednesday sees strikes by building labourers and agricultural labourers as well as workers in the theatre and film industry. mdustry.
Thursday promises a four-

in Piedmont, Insurance office in the North will be shut and a partial strike on the railway is due to begin at 9 a partial strike on the railway is due to begin at 9 pm.

Friday will see chaos on the tailways. Schools and universities are due to close and air traffic will be in difficultie because of action by ground staff. Insurance offices in the central area and the South will be closed. Textile workers will be out for four hours and Sicilis due to see industry brough to a halt for 24 hours.

From next Monday, a new

From next Monday, a ner phase of strikes is due to begin in the banks and on the follow-ing Wednesday decisions ar expected concerning a projecte strike at the Bank of Italy Aguacion is expected also o the Wednesday among chemica workers calling for governmen surke by engineering workers intervention to meet the crisi and a four-hour general strike in the chemical industry.

Pagoda for Chinese in Liverpool corruption are cleared Those range from providing escorts and interpreters for six companies on Merseyside, Regional report Chinese who do not speak Eng-

a contract to build a pagoda in They call for a standard thermal-block, load-bearing structure, but one faced with Jacobean brick and having a pitched roof of red tiles with overhanging eavec."

John Chartres

Liverpool

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overhanging eaves".
The building is proposed for a site on the corner of Henry Street and Lydia Anne Street and to be a combined youth, community, and advice centre for the Chinese community of Merseyside, who number about 10,000, and who are among the

first of their race in the Western world to show signs of wanting to emerge from their own inward-looking, self-created environments and genuine social contacts with their The pagoda-shaped com-munity centre, which has been designed in detail in the Liverpool city architects' department. is one of many ideas being fostered by the remarkable Mr Brian Wang, who originally

came to the city in 1974 from Taiwan to study metallurgy at the university, but who after some initial work permit problems has stayed on to become the first Chinese community worker in this country to be apopinted, and paid for, by the

host nation". Mr Wang has already put on public show his own modern interpretation of the traditional Monkey King mime-drama at the Neptune Theatre, Crosby Civic Hall, and in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral (on the last occasion the performance was accompanied by the Hongkong Youth Chinese Orchestra) and has established permanent offices with a staff to deal with his community's social prob-

lish during such crises as an admission to hospital or a consultation with solicitors, to try to "bring out" the youngest generation who have learnt English at school, but who have no opportunity to practice it at home, particularly when they often have to get themselves up and cook them. selves breakfast in time for school roll call because their parents have closed the chip shop or restaurant at four in

the morning Mr Wang claims that the Merseyside Chinese community is the oldest of its kind in Europe, dating back to the cession of Hongkong in 1841 at the end of the Opium Wars, when his fellow nationals were taken on as cheap labour in British ships, came to Liverpool

at the end of a voyage, and tended to settle ashore. Work is due to start early next year on building the pagoda near the Chinatown in the Nelson Street area, and it should open in 1981.

Detectives charged with

lesser charge substituted.
They were Det Inspector Ivor Moore, aged 42, of Birchert's Avenue, Langton Green, Kent, Det Inspector Robert Brown, aged 39, of Red Leaf Close,

Three detectives were cleared at Lewes Crown Court yesterday of corruption and conspiring to pervert the course of justice. It had been alleged that they pervert the course of justice. It had been alleged that they had made a deal with Mr They had all denied taking a William James, of Wadhurst, \$2,000 bribe for helping a Sussex, to substitute a charge of second-hand car dealer facing a burglary charge by having a lesser charge substituted. The three had also denied him from a prison sentence The three had also denied accepting a meal from Mr James while he was on bail. During the four-week trial, the detectives told the court aged 39, of Red Leaf Close, they had cultivated Mr James Tunbridge Wells, and Det Constable Christopher East, aged informer. They were acquitted 30, of Sydenbam Avenue, Syd-on all charges.

Imports save a custom

Modern Britain is so bereft." bough, is available at green-grocers this Christmas at 10p a and Belgium.

Mr Peter Heyes, of the fruit of its ancient strength and romantic mysteries that the country can no longer grow its handled 1,000 crates by Saturown mistletoe, the Druids' golden cerned this most seasonal of seader finishes. trades finishes. He says the best comes from sprig, but it is imported in Eelgium, where the foliage is cauliflower crates from France deeper green and the barries larger and more numerous.

French communists face revolt

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 10

The French Communist Party, which has been torn by internal conflict ever since its tactics arguably cost the left victory in last year's legislative elections, is once more facing up to a revolt from within its

The bettlefield this time is The battlefield this time is Paris itself where the decrease in membership, well shown by the gradual fell in circulation of the party newspaper, L'Humanité, has caused something of a witchlumt. The scapegoat would seem to be M Henri Fischip, who was Paris secte-Fiszbin, who was Paris secre-tary of the party until last January, when he resigned ostensibly for health reasons. Over the past few weeks, however, M Fiszbin has shown himself to be in rude good-health, giving as much as he

takes in his argument with the public platform with his chie party leadership over what is accuser, M Paul Laurent, wh wrong with French commundered up the original report

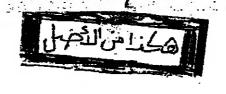
As far as the party leader-ship is concerned the relatively poor state of communism in the capital is the fault of M Fiszbio, who failed to organize things properly. As far as M Fiszbin is concerned the fault lies with the hesitations of the party in implementing the de-cisions of the twenty-second and twenty-third congresses.

M Fiszbin remained a member of the central committee of the party until early last month when he resigned after a report critical of his work in Paris, was passed despite his protesta-tions of innocence and his yore against it. He is continuing his

drew up the original repo!

Paris is not typical of the traditional party in France, the cells being formed as frequent cells being formed as trequent by intellectuals as by worker. The result is that it is in Par that most of the internal argu-that most of the affairs of th ment about the affairs of party is generated M Fiszbi a "liberal" within the part was seen to be bringing "Paris spring" to the Frenc party when he was elected i

This springtime like that the Prague, seems to have been brought to a premature close by the hard thinking of orthodox party members. On the other hand, M. Fiszbin retains battle, however, and over the large enough following with past weekend he engaged in a the party to ensure that it verbal slanging match on a divisive argument will continu



Mr Mugabe urged to let Zanu fight election on its own

as the first Government of an

independent Zimbabwe by forming a coalition with the 20

The whites may not form a

coalition with a group of small black parties to keep the biggest black party out. This means that, if Zanu and Zapu stand separately, the UANC needs to win only 41 seats to

be assured of power by form-ing a coalition with the 20

One is to be called the Alliance

Party and aims to attract liberal

whites seeking an alternative to the Rhodesian Front.

assembly.

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 10

The internal leadership of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) is to advise its externally-based leader, Mr Robert Mugabe, that the party should contest the forthcoming elections independently and not as part of the Patriotic Front alliance.

Mr Tarisas Ziyambi, one of four members of Zanu's Cen-tral Committee still inside the country, said in an interview with The Times today that the Zanu leaders attending the London talks had undertaken to consult Zanu supporters inside Zimbabwe Rhodesia before taking a decision on how the election would be fought.

"Our recommendation will be that Zanu should stand in-dependently. This is the con-sensus of Zanu supporters we have consulted?", he said.

Although Zanu is still a banned organization, together with its partner in the Patriotic Front, the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), it has managed to maintain a network of clandestine branches round the country

Mr Ziyambi said he and his three Central Committee col-leagues (Mr Enos Nkala, Mr Robert Marare and Mr Maurice
Nyagumbo) had not only consulted these branches but also
party officials recently released
from prison and detention as
well as "the boys in the bush"

-the guerrillas. Mr Ziyambi explained there were historical and ideological reasons why Zanu and Zapu should end their alliance after a ceasefire and conduct separ-

ate election campaigns.

The Patriotic Front, he said, was established at the instigation of the "front-line" states to pursue the armed struggle; once that struggle was over the reason for the Front's existence was removed. "I think the name 'Parriotic Front' will dis-

Secretary was a suitable candidate for a Nobel Peace Prize for his chairmanship of the London conference, Mr Smith said: "In the eyes of Rhodesians, Lord Carrington would be a prime contender for any prize awarded to the arch-appeaser of the decade. He has reneged on more promises given to Rhomore promises given to Rhoname 'Patriotic Front' will disappear", he added.
However, a coalition between Zanu and Zanu might be established once the election was over, Mr Ziyambi suggested. Assuming that Zanu emerged as the bigger of the two parties, this would resolve the question of the leadership at present held jointly by Mr Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo.

A decision by Zanu and Zapu to stand independently could more promises given to Riso-desians than any other British politician."

Fifteen blacks, including a woman and a boy, were killed when a tractor and trailer detonated a guerrilla landmine

to stand independently could leave the way open for Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United Afri-

Israel tries to dispel Begin health rumours

From Christopher Walker terusalem. Dec 10

Mr Menachem Begin's vul-nerable coalition Government white MPs in the 100-seat Parliament. Under the terms of the 1979 Southern Rhodesia is taking urgent steps to quash a spate of damaging political rumours about the allegedly poor state of the Prime Mini-Bill, the 20 whites will be envited to form a coalition only with the black party holding the greatest number of the 80 black seats in the

Last night, viewers of Israel's main television news pro-gramme were treated to a specially recorded interview with Professor Meir Gottesman Mr Begin's personal physician.
Wearing a white cost and exuding professional reassurance,
the professor declared that Mr Begin's health was good and to the full satisfaction of his loctors.

The Bill also allows blacks The interview had to stand as candidates for the 20 seats to be elected exclusi-vely by whites, coloureds and arranged to counter highly critical remarks made by a leading figure in the Liberal Party, which forms part of the ruling coalition. Mr Yisrael Peled, the Mayor of the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan, told a party gatheting that at a recent meeting, he had found Mr Begin "physically ill and mentally broken". vely by whites, coloureds and Asians. Conversely, whites may stand as candidates for the 80 "common roll" sears to be elected only by black voters. This proviso is unlikely to have little initial practical effect, as it is unlikely whites will elect as it is unlikely whites will elect a black candidate or vice versa.

Two new political parties annunced their formation inday.

Mr Peled remarked that for the Liberal Parry to serve in a coalition Government headed by Mr Begin was like driving in a car driven by a man suffering a heart attack. "The conclusion to get out fast," he added.

the Rhodesian Front.

The other, confusingly known as the National Conservative Aliance of Zimbahwe, is dedicated to fight against Marxism and against "ribelism, nepotism, racialism and Africanization for its own sake".

Smith attack: Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, today called Lord Carrington the "arch-appeaset of the decade". Public concern about Mr Begin's health has been widesegn's meant has seen who-spread for some time, particu-larly since he suffered a minor stroke earlier this year, which left him with slightly impaired vision. Since taking office in May, 1977, Mr Begin has had two heart attacks.

of the decade".

Giving his views on the suggestion that the Foreign Secretary was a suitable candidate. In recent weeks, there have many comments in political circles about Mr Begin's infrequent public appearances and the often noted tendency for his mind to wander during political discussions. But inter-national press reports that he was only able to work a three-hour day were flatly denied by official sources,

Gloomy predictions about Mr Begin's health are nothing new, but the latest suggestions come at a time when he is under considerable political strain. In order to try and save his coalition from defeat, he has coalition from defeat, he has turned next week's vote on the country's abortion laws into a test of confidence, the outcome

Ferenczi, a concert planist Boris Palotai, a leading author

The fourth "open letter of protest" was compiled by Janoa Kenedi, a journalist, and Gyorgh Bencze and Jamos Kis, both well

known philosophers.

In perhaps the most significant statement of Hungary's revulsion at the Stalinist revival

in Prague, the authors say:
"We cannot remain indifferent



Mr Pol Pot telling correspondents that 50,000 Kampuchean troops are now under arms to fight the Vietnamese invasion. He denied his regime was guilty of genocide.

Mr Pol Pot blames Vietnamese

Kampuchean Prime Minister, admitted in an inter-view published today that several thousand Kampucheans had died "due to some mishad died "due to some mis-takes" in implementing his government's policy.

But, giving his first interview to foreign correspondents since fleeing Phnom Pean last Janu-ary, he denied that his regime was guilty of genocide. He said Vietnam had been responsible for the deaths of many of his people and had shifted the blame on to him.

Soldier-politician watches

The Japanese Kyodo news agency said Mr Pol Por had been interviewed by a group of Japanese journalists at a guerrilla base near the Thai border last Saturday.

Asked about the widespread allegations of mass murder that

allegations of mass murder that had been levelled against his regime, Kyodo quoted him as saying: "Only several thousand Kampucheans might have died due to some mistakes in implementing our policy of providing an affluent life for the people and also due to the distortion of our policy by Vietnames

mir rol Pot said his present policy was to defend the nation and people from Vietnam's attempt to "annihilate" Kam-puchea, but obtaining military supplies, both inside the coun-try and from China, had become difficult. He said 50,000 Kampuchean

He said 50,000 Kampuchean guerrillas, reorganized from live regular divisions, had been putting up stiff resistance throughout the country against 200,000 Vietnamese troops.

The correspondents said Mr Pol Pot looked healthy and was a straight absorbant the inter-

smiling throughout the inter-view.—Reuter.

Iran boycotts hearing of The Hague court

Amsterdam, Dec 19

The United States Today asked the International Court at The Hague to take the strongest possible measures to secure the release of the American hostages in Tehran. Iran boycotted the hearing.

The 15 judges, presided by Sir Humphrey Waldock of Britain; are to pronounce their verdict within a few days.

Mr Benjamin Civiletti, the United States Amorney-General, said that if the court took no action, it would be a serious blow to international law as other countries would be able to take hostages with impunity. In a relegram to the Court,
Mr Sadeg Qothzadeh, the
Iranian Foreign Minister said
the court had no right to hear
the American complaint. The
question of the hostages was a

marginel and second-rate aspect of United States learning relations. America, he said, had interferred in Iran's internal affairs for more than 25 years and had "shamplessly exploited its people. Mr Vance in Paris: Mr Cyrus

Vance, the American Secretary of State, flew into Paris today on his tour of European captais to rally support for the United States in its troubles with Iran (Ian Murray writes from Paris). He dined with President Giscard d'Estaing

Since the Ayatoliah Khomeini was granted asylum in France in the months before his triumphal return to Iran, the Islamic revolution bas tended to be on better relations with France than with other Western countries. While students hold the hostages in the American Embassy, other students come each day to leave flowers at the gates of the French embassy.

Mr Vance was seeking to exploit this Franco-Iranian relationship and asking President Giscard d'Estaing to use his good offices to persuade the Iranians to release the hostages. British cooperation: Earlier yesterday in London Mr Vance expressed his appreciation for

*the spirit of helpfulness and cooperation shown by the British Government in support

ing American efforts to secure release of the hostages without precondition. (Our Diplomatic correspondent writes). He had an hour's meeting in the morning with Lord Carring-

ton, the Foreign Secretary, be-fore calling on Mrs Tharcher at 10 Downing Street. The discussions centre on Iran. sions centre on tran.

Ayatollah's attack: The Ayatollah Khomeini told Americans that they should not vote for the care who was "not

Mr Carter who was "not capable of being President". He was making a broadcast Confrontation in Tabriz: Sup-porters of the rival avatolishs

continued to struggle for possession of the Tabriz radio and television station. The Ayatollah Khomein's men regained control after entering through a side door and expelling the sup-Shariat Madari. Tension rose in the city as both sides took to the streets in mass demonstra-

Volunteers wait at airport: About 300 Iranians, chanting About 300 frantain, chaining Islamic slogans, waited in vain at Tehran sirport modey for an aircraft to take them to Lebanon to fight against Israel alongside Palestinian guerrillas. But officials of the state airline Iran Air said the group would not be given an aircraft because its members had neither valid passports nor permission to land in Beirut.

In Beirut all flights from Teh-

In Beirut all flights from 160ran were banned to prevent any
volunteers arriving from Iran.
Body samugled out: The body
of Amir Abba Hoveyda, the
executed former Prime Minister, has been smuggled out of
Iran and buried in France, the
newspaper Le Quartièm de

Paris reported yesterday.

Expulsion of correspondent:

Iran has ordered the expulsion from the country of the Associated Press correspondent, Mr Alex Efry, for "false and provocative reporting", the official Paris news agency an-

Chinese attack on support

for activists

Peking, Dec 10 .- The Chinese trade union newspaper, The Worker's Daily, today attacked "foreign reactionaries" for their comments on Chinese political activists or dissidents It said: "The only people really to acclaim the so-called fighters for democracy are a small minority of

socialist system and a handful of internal class-enemies." It went on: "A handful of anti-communist and anti-people elements among the Taiwan authorities" had been making constant appeal to the "so called fighters for democracy exhorting them on Taiwan radio to organize a powerful anticommunist contingent ".

Referring to the recent ban ning of the "democracy wall" in Xidan Street, the newspaper said: "Some people think that the decision to ban the Xidan wall was a repression of de-mocracy and feel that we have altered the principle of promo ting socialist democracy. Such an interpretation is wrong. This measure was indispensable for safeguarding the socialist legal system and will simply contribute to the healthy development of socialist democracy."

The atrack came after a similar one yesterday by the Communist Party organ, The Peking *People's Daily*.—Agence

Hungarians protest over jailings in Prague

national protest against the recent Prague triel of six human

on a white-owned farm today.

—Agence France Presse and UPI.

ffices to secure the release of

the Charter-77 activists.

"We are filled with grave concern when people are jailed for their convictions and the The Czechoslovak party news-aper Rude Pravo has disexpression of their opinions in any part of the world", the 118 rights activists as an outery of Western reactionary circles over the jailing of their paid signatories said. Among those who signed are Mrs Julia Raik, the widow of Laszlo Raik, forafter a Scalinist show-trial; Mr Jamos Hegedus, a former Stalin-ist prime minister; Gyorgy

protest of 254 leading Hun-garian intellectuals as part of a Western propaganda campaign. Unlike other Soviet-block countries, Hungary has no dissident movement and, because of this, the angry protest in Budapest against "the cynical verdict in Prague" gains added importance. Furthermore, there are many Communist Party mem-bers among those who felt they could not remain silent in the face of a travesty of justice in the old Stalinist mould.

At present, there are four separate protest documents circulating in Budapest. One, addressed to President Losonczi of Hungary, arges the country's head of state to seek the immediate release of the jailed Charter-77 activists whose activity they deem to be legal, lawful and in ac-cordance with the Helsinki

An even more ourspoken open letter, addressed to Mr Janos Kadar, urged the Hungarian

The four were accused of "insulting the Polish nation"

in speeches on November 11 at

people to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where wreaths were laid.

During the proceedings, which attracted nearly 100

human rights supporters and a few Western reporters, the four admitted leading the demon-stration but claimed that they were within their constitutional

Human Rights

dier in Warsaw. The November 11 demon

sion he commands Thai forces of the border and has the last word on half a million or so refugees on both sides of it. Being also a senator and ader of the armed forces' young Turks", Colonel Prachak can exercise strong influence on the Government.

and Aladar Komios, the doyen of Hungarian literature. Fifty-eight of the signatories also signed the petition to President A third protest letter, also addressed to Mr. Kadar, was signed by nine leading film-

> Kampucheans seeking refuge in Thailand. His accusations that

The camp leaders releated

to the persecution of those who struggle for human rights in any East European country. As citizens of a state which participared in the occupation of Czechoslovakia, we feel particular responsibility for what has happened there since 1968." exit to any of their people want-

over Thailand border ing to enter Thailand, Colonel Prachak then allowed food con-

From Neil Kelly Ta Phraya, Thailand, Dec 10

The Thai army officer in command of this smouldering section of the border with Kampuchea is a soldier-politician who in just over two years has become one of the most contro-versial and influential figures

Colonel Prachak Sawangchit has the rank of special colonel, which is equivalent to brigadier. As commander of the 2nd Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Divi-

His penchant for contention was demonstrated by his suspension of food, water and medical aid to 300,000 Kampuchean refugees for five days last week. He also sent bulldozers into their encampment to flatten shelters erected on Thai terri-

He warned refugee leaders leaders were holding many Kampucheans against their will him by moving all their armed men further into Kampuchea and by lifting their embarg; on

eaders were holding many Kampucheans against their will were later confirmed by indivi-dual refugees and by inter-national aid officials.

after five days. They moved their soldiers four miles inside Kampuches and granted free

voys to pass egain.

Earlier the colonel had for-bidden cross-border trading be-tween Thai hawkers and Kampucheans and personally arrested a police officer he found condoning it. All his actions, says the colonel, have been prompted by the need to clear the border of civilians who could impede his troops and who are themselves in danger from warring factions in Kam-

Colonel Prachak, who is 42, fought against the communists in Vietnam with the Thai Black Leopard division and was awarded both Thai and United States decorations as a battalium. commander on the Kampuchean border in 1977 he was involved in humerous clashes with Khmer Rouge forces who were plundering Thai villages and

The colonel launched retaliatory artacks which did not ase Mr Tanin Kraivixien, the Prime Minister, who removed him from his command and sent him to an insignificant training

Only weeks later Colonel Prachak, declaring himself a "king and country man", initiated an army revolt which overthrew Mr Tanin and re-placed him with General Kriangsak Chammanand, General Kriangsak made

Colonel Prachak a member of the committee which drew up Thailand's new constitution, appointed him a member of the Upper House of Parliament and after the Vietnamese had captured Phnom Penh last January, gave him a new command on the Kampuchean border. His work in Parliament gives

committing appalling atrocities against women and children.

The woman rejected their demand Her case is still a rare one and, besides, divorced people tend to remain apart even when regimes change. But the revocation of the family

Those who support the new constitution claim that women's

French police to question Iranian

French police were tonight set to question a young Iranian student, who had been refused entry to Britain by immigration authorities over the weekend. The student had been held at Dover for questioning before it was decided to send him back to France, from where he had arrived in Britain.

He was stopped at Dover as

from France after details were circulated last Friday of a man wanted for questioning about the assassination in a Puris street of Caprain Shabriar Chafik, a nephew of the Shah According to French police,

the man stopped at Dover was a student who had been living in the United States and who had recently come to London, where he had bought an excur-

ian held at Dover after disembarking early on Sunday morning was interviewed by Immigration officials and members of the Special Branch. He was sent back to France last night (Stewart Tendler writes).

Miller.

SAGNETATIONS

The Bome Office said that the Iranian was stopped at Dover because immigration officers suspected he was not a genuine

Khomeini constitution returns wives to obligations envisaged under fourteenth century Islamic ideology

Women fear lowly status in Iran

From Robert Fisk

A few weeks ago, a Tehran divorcee went to visit her former husband in hospital. No sooner had she arrived, however, than she found herself confronced by her former in-laws who told her that since she had been divorced under the Shah's family protection laws, and since these laws had been revoked in the aftermath of the Eranian revolution, she was still legally married to her husband, It was her duty, they maintained to look after him and to live with him in future.

the revocation of the family set laws and the introduction of a new, though by no means unanimously accepted, constitution has provoked six women's movements to express their fear that, despite the assurances of the religious leaders, women are to be forced to play at a staurorily unequal role in a statutorily unequal role the life of the country.

rights have been safeguarded and that their role, far from being diminished, has been en-banced by the special respect in which Islam holds all women: The constitution specifically refers to equality of the sexes ruling class is fourteenth cen-

and, spread out through it are tury as far as women are conreferences to individual free dom.

Indeed, Article 21 employs almost florid terminology to define the high sacred role of see women as fit only for reproalmost florid terminology to de-fine the high sacred role of women in Islamic society. The Government, "upholding the rights of women in every re-spect", will create "the neces-sary conditions for the enhancement of a woman's character and personality, and revive her moral and financial rights." Nevertheless, some curious and predominantly male, atti-

tudes have crept into Article 21.

Among its obligations to women, for example, the Government must protect mem-

bers of families bereaved of their breadwinners. This assumption that only men will be breadwinners, with its con-sequent assumption that women cannot be financially independent, was one of the articles which formed the subject of discussion at a women's con-ference in Tehran last mouth. Mina (it is nor her real name) is aged 32, a married teacher at one of Tehran's universities, and a spokeswoman for a leftist women's organization that has

already had one of its education and health centres closed by the clergy. She is clinical and specific in her condemnation of the constitution and occasionally reaches, a state of suppressed anger.
The ideology of the religious

duction and family duties. They are trying to put this ideology into the constitution and the civil laws. "Under religious law," Mina says, " it is clear that a woman cannot choose her profession without her husband's consent. There is, in fact, no place in There is, in fact, no place in the constitution for equal rights for women except Paragraph 14 of Article 3 which says the Government must ensure equality of men and women before the law? But that does not really give a woman equal rights. It merely gives her equality of punishment."

After a little hesitation, Mina who dresses in a European style, will admit that among women she is in a very small minority. Indeed, while we sat talking over coffee in a Tehran hotel, every other woman at the tables around us was dressed in a black Chador veil. Fewer women wear scarves now than they did eight months ago, but Mina regards the Chador issue as a false one.

"The important questions," she says, "are about family rights, divorce and marriage, issues which affect workingcless women more than they do middle-class intellectuals."

sentenced in Poland

Warsaw, Dec 10.-A Polish court handed down short fail sentences today to four dissidents who organized an unauthorized Independence day tion began with a Mass in War-saw Cathedral, followed by an orderly march of 3,000 m 4,000 cerletbration last month at which participants claimed Poland was not a free country.

Andrzej Czuma and Wojciech Zietmbinski, both prominent members of the civil rights movement, received three-month terms, and Bronislaw Komorowski and Josef Janowski, who are supporters of after a brief trial in a misdem-

Two injured as model aircraft

New York, Dec 10.—A heavy model aircraft crashed into the stands at Shea Stadium here yesterday during a halfrime show at a football match, serlously injuring two spectators.

One was said to be in a critical condition today after the accident at the game between the New England Patriots and

the New York Jets. Witnesses said the metal aircraft, which weighed between 30lb and 40lb, was being flown by the Electronic Eagles of the Radio Controlled Association The model plunged some 50ft

Day arrest of falls into crowd Soviet dissidents Moscow, Dec 10.-Soviet dissidents were prevented by police today from celebrating Human Rights Day in the traditional manner at Pushkin

repairs ". Numerous dissidents, tained by police at their homes and workplaces, were unable to get to the square at all. Among those arrested were Mr Gleb Pavlovsky, editor of the un-official magazine Poiski (Explorations), and the wife of the magazine's co-editor, Mr Vladiand hit a crowded spectator's box on the edge of the field as more than 45,000 spectators mir Sorokin, They were arrested while talking with Western journalists.

Square About 30 people were arrested as police blocked

access to the square "for

Independence day speakers | Joint fight against Sinai smugglers

From Christopher Walker Neot, Sinai

In the seven months since the northern Sinai capital of El Arish was handed back to the Egyptians, the Israelis have been facing a serious but unpublicized smuggling problem.
This is expected to worsen from January 26 next year, when land borders between the two countries are due to be opened for the first time. opened for the trist time.

Ironically, the bulk of the illicit trade has involved the type of sophisticated product, which the Israelis had always regarded themselves as enjoying in much greater abundance than the Egyptians. Electrical goods, subject in Israel to high import taxes and a general in-flation rate of more than 120 per cent, are now the mainstay of the new breed of desert

smuggler.

Because of the much higher recause of the much nighter prices in Israel for all but a few foodstuffs, other things which are making the illegal northward journey from Egypt range from hashish to fresh fish, caught in abundance in the nearly Israel Rundarii the nearby Lake Bardawil. Smuggling from Israel into Egypt is much less widespread, and mainly limited to currency

and stolen cars. Speaking to correspondents at a large Israeli camp just north of El Arish, Colonel Moshe Dahan, military governo of central and northern Sinai, disclosed that since May 25, several hundred smugglers had been detained by the Israelis and returned for punishment the Egyptian authorities. He claimed that only a teath of that total had been returned from Egypt to Israel. Colonel

Dahan, who was in charge of El Arish for two years before its handover, added: "If we were tougher and

used our guns, we could eli-minate the smuggling. But as it does not involve terrorism and mainly related to the different economic situations in the two countries, our policy at present is not to be too harsh." Since the handover it is known that more than 1,000 of the 40,000 inhabitants of the sleepy Mediterranean town of El Arish have lost their jobs. The majority were men and women formerly working for the Israeli administration (including a number of teachers) and the others were farm-workers, drivers and builders, who all had regular jobs in

Earlier this year the Egyprian governor of north Sinai. Muhammed Hussein Shawcat, vigorously denied Israeli press reports that there had been a witch hunt for those El Arish residents who had previously collaborated with Israel, But since then it has become clear that the Egyptians have refused to recognize any professional qualifications obtained in Israel

lems, general relations between the Israeli and Egyptian auth-orities in the desert region appear to be good:
"There has been a complete readiness for cooperation from both sides", said Colonel Dahan. "If there are any ir-regularities at any time of the

day or night, we are in instant

and friendly contact to sort

them out."

under the 12-year occupation.

Despite the smuzzling prob-

people legally crossing the border at the new El Arish ter-minal post is about 30 a week. many of them Egyptians coming for medical treatment. Recently the number was temporarily in-creased when 150 Muslim notables living inside Israel were permitted to cross to attend religious celebrations in an Egyptian mosque. The number is expected to

increase sharply next month after the change in relations, due to coincide with Israel's military withdrawal to an in-terim line through Sinai stretch-ing from El Arish to the Red Sea town of Ras Muhammad. Bur the Israeli authoricies are understood to be unwilling to let in a flood of Egyptian work-ers seeking high wages. The most practical example

of the new spirit of cooperation between the former opposing armies is to be seen on a stretch of desert road near here which links two areas still in Israeli hands. At regular intervals, the Egyptians run convoys Israeli vehicles waiting to the journey, occasions marked by much shaking of hands and general expressions of goodwill.

At a less sensitive level is the example of the Neot Sinai laundry, a thriving concern run by members of an Israeli kibbutz, which has been given a temporary dispensation to con-tinue its cleaning operations from its old premises inside Egypt.

Out of gratitude the kibbutz-niks have introduced a free laundry service for all the Egyptian troops now stationed

India puts off Assam poll as tribal violence spreads

Calcutta Dec 10.—The Indian candidates managed to file authorities today postponed nominations in the remaining in much of north-eastern Assam them was the Begum Abida Ahmed, the widow of President Talanddin Ali Ahmed. state, imposed a curfew on several towns and sent troops to Fakruddin Ali Ahmed.
one district to quell rioting.

Begum Ahmed, 2 or

one district to quell rioning.

For weeks, the tribal peoples of Assam—an isolated, billy reritory of 18 million population, joined to India by a narrow corridor—have been seething with resentment over "illegal aliens" from neighbouring Bangladesh and West Bengal. Demonstrators demanded that up to 200,000 such immigrants be taken off local electoral be taken off local electoral rolls, and called for postponement of the elections until their

demand was met. The Press Trust of India news agency reported the curlew and dispatch of troops. The violence and an effective general strike prevented many. candidates from filing nomina-tions for the mid-term election

Begum Ahmed, a candidate of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Parry,

smuggled her nomination papers with a supporter through a mob surrounding her house in Gau-hati, the capital of Assam. More than 20 people have been killed in clashes between Assamese and non-Assamese in recent weeks, and bundreds of houses have been burnt down,

according to reports reaching

Calcurta.

One person was said to have been killed and several people injured last night when police charged demonstrators. All road, real and ear links with Assam were suspended because of the strike. Govern-ment offices, shops and schools

were shut on January 3 and 6.

In Delhi, no nominations tion commissioner, said the 10 were filed by today's deadline districts where candidates had in 10 out of 14 Assam constituencies, and thus polling had no would remain unrepresented the postponed.

The news agency said 14 could be fairly held.—Reuter.—Reuter.—Reuter.

African pupils arrive at Cuba's island school

Havaoa, Dec 10:-Thirty children from Guinea-Bissau have arrived in Cuba for schooling, bringing to 74 the number of pupils from the West African country being educated on the Isle of Youth 100 miles south of Havana. Official sources said the chil-

dren, who arrived yesterday, would share a school with others from Cuba and the former Portuguese colonies of Sac Tomé, Principe and Cape Verde. The sources did not give the children's ages or say how long they would stay in Cuba.

More than 10,000 pupils from Africa and Nicaragua are being educated on the Isle of Youth, the sources said. Most are from Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, the Congo and Namibia (South-West Africa).

The majority are hereson 12

The majority are between 12 and 17, but the ages of those from Ethiopia, many of whom are war orphans, range down to seven years, according to Wes-tern and African diplomats who

Blacks may enter private hospitals with further lifting of petty apartheid restrictions

South African blacks will be dlowed to visit drive in circuias and be admitted to private hos-pitals without reserved for whites only, under a list of "perty apartheid" restrictions lifted by the Government.

Mr Marais Steyn, tht Minismr Maras Sept. in harms for of Community Development, announced in Pretoria today that a large number of public and private facilities which had been segregated by law would be thrown open to all races.

The list would include libra-The list would include itora-ries,p rivate hospitals, theatres and halfs for the purpose of live theatre, music recitals of quality, wedding receptions, concerns, congresses, symbosi-ums, fetes, agricultural and in-dustrial exhibitions, drive-innemas and Circuses.

Mr. Steyn, however, added a string: "Should the granting f such concessions later lead to probelms such as race fricion I shall not hesitate to term-

The changes in the petty apartheid restrictions exempt public and private organizations

Soames test

of Rhodesia

for wines

From Nicholas Ashford

Salisbury, Dec 10

from epolying for permits to ahead. The system of the control of t

Mr Steyn said there would be a "sympathetic approach" par-ticularly in the cases of depart-ment stores which applied to their restaurants to all

the Government In fact, the Government amounted some mouths ago that restaurants could apply for multiracial licences, but it is clear, especially as the Government has renewed the offer, that there have been very few, if eny, takers.

The department stores, par-Accilarly, are worried they will lose white customers if blacks, lose white customers if blacks, who now have to put up with mainly inferior cafes and restaurants, swamp their cafeterias, most of whom serve good, modestly priced food.

There should be little problem about blacks visiting drive-in cinemas. These are complexes where a carload of people plug into a loudspeaker, mounted on a pole, and watch a film projected on a giant screen perhaps a hundred yards

various carloads people are naturally segregated and it is impossible to tell if a neighbour is black or white The drive in cinema

have been losing money because television introduced in South Africa three years ago, so that they will welcome the conces-Circus is a dying form of

entertainment in South Africa, and there are only about two

and there are only about two
of them on the road.
Mr Steyn said exemptions
would be granted in "appropriate instances". But he made
it clear that the basic apartheid
policy of separate facilities for
people of different colours reresided entrembed. mained entrenche

mained entrenched.

This was so that "the respective population communities" could develop to "the highest level of fully fledged communities".

As for the admission of blacks to private hospitals, he said, a patient's doctor would have to certify to the hospital management that it was in the patient's increst to be admitted.

S Africa's Anglicans

Anglican Church Lord Soames's reputation as a with "a palate for good wines" has excited the interest of Zimbabwe Rhodesia's the provincial synod of the church in Grahamstown.

At least one of the country's leading wine companies is planning to present him with a selection of its wines and liqueurs including a new dry white "Burgundy" which Mr Doug Biggs, the firm's production manager, describes as being suitable for "Britons in the

connoisseur class ". Wine production is one of the many industries which have sprung up since the imposition of sanctions, Cut off from mos wines, Zimbabwe produces a whole range of table wines with such names as Gárac, La Rochelle, Château Marché sur Gué, Vine-beimer and even Vinho de Casa presumably for Portuguese emigres from Mozembique.

It remains to be seen what Lord Soames's views of the local wines will be, but he is unlikely to be impressed. In spite of the growers' noble efforts, Zimbabwe Rhodesia is not really suitable for wine production an most local wines tend to be oversweet and very rough.

Discerning imbibers drink beer instead, or get supplies sent from South Africa.

face 'radical' change at public gatherings. Johannesburg, Dec 10.

The Anglican Church in South Africa may have to undergo "radical reshaping" to follow its policy of defying state authority over apartheid, the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Bill Burnett, told.

If, as the synod had resolved, the church refused to ask for permits from the Government for multiracial church activities, he said, " it must cause serious disruption in the life of the as it is presently

Archbishop Burnett answering requests for clarifi-cation of his weekend statement cation of his weekend statement to the synod that he was prepared to defy Government directives even if it led to "the end of the institutional church". Some newspapers interpreted that statement as merely one of theological principle, but others predicted it could lead to the end of all cooperation with the state and a return of South African Anglicans to the conditions of the early Christians.

The synod's resolution, which

The synod's resolution, which said that the free assembly of church members was "a right and not a concession in a Christian country", had a double significance. It was a protest at the need for permits for non-Africans to attend Anglican meetings in some areas and also against "ban-ning" orders prohibiting the

at public gatherings.

This banning had been defied openly at the synod by the Rev David Russell, who is officially confined to the area of Wynberg in the Cape. He defied the order after giving notice to the authorities that he intended to do so. He let it be known that he regarded his invitation to the synod as a spiritual order which took preference over the state's ban.

Mr Russell was given a standing ovation when he spoke, In his clarification, Archishop Burnett pointed out that, bishop Burnett pointed out that, if he did not apply for a blanket permit to train students of all races at a theological seminary, the church might no longer have any theological colleges and priests might have to be trained in parishes.

If he refused to sign docu-ments for permits to build churches used by blacks in rural areas, church members might have to meet in houses for

The archbishop said that, although the church's stand on permits could lead to serious disruption in its life, "this need not disturb us too much, because we should not simply seek to preserve our instutronal life as a church, but to be the Body of Christ witnessing to his divine life along us by his holy spirit. I want it to be understood how radical, how drastic, it will be. That may turn out how God wants the church to be."



Man in a white suit: President Tolbert and his wife arriving in London yesterday for a two-day visit.

Liberia's old image shattered

By Kenneth Mackenzie arrived in Britain yesterday for an official visit, is ruling over rapidly-changing Liberia. Politics has suddenly raised its head in this previously stable corner of West Africa and the President is going to need all his diplomatic skill and experi-

his diplomatic skill and experi-ence in the coming months.

President Tolbert is used to change in many ways. When he took over in 1971 after the death of President Tubman, the country already belied its popular image of being divided into "settlers"—that is, descendents of freed alayses from

Nairobi, Dec 10

Uganda believes it has made

progress in normalizing rela-tions with some of the Arab

countries which gave support to former President Idi Amin

while he was in power until

by Mr Paulo Ruwaings, the Interior Minister, has returned from visits to Libya, Iraq and Seudi Arabia. Mr Muwanga has confirmed that the former president is living, apparently under guard, in a ville 75 miles from Tripoli.

But following the recent return of the Libyan troops taken prisoner by Tanzanian

fasen prisoner by lanzanan forces while fighting in Uganda. Libya is now allowing 52 Ugandan norses to leave Libya. The nurses had been refused exit visas, and had been on

11 die in picnic lorry

Dehi, Dec 10.—At least 11 people were killed and 31 injured when a lorry plunged into a river near Sembalpur in Orissa, the Press Trust of India

Ugandan mission headed

Uganda moves towards

accord with Arab world

President Tolbert

Another popular Liberian image was shattered by President Tolbert: he abolished the formal evening dress that President Tubman had insisted on President Tolbert is almost always seen in an open-necked white suit. His "court" retains a fairly formal sort of good manners (and there is much old-fashioned oratory) but it has none of the comic opera air that Tobman's circle.
However, the world learnt.

that things were not as peace-ful and contented as they seemed on April 14 this year, when iroops opened fire on a

strike for the last two months demanding that they be allowed to leave Libya.

The Libyan Government has also agreed to discuss Ugandan requests for the return of a Boeing 707 aircraft which was used by Amin to fly to Libya earlier this was

Re told a press contenente in Kampala that the Saudi Arabians realized that they had been deceived by Amin when they gave him 530m to set up Islamic centres in Uganda, as the money had "disappeared".

Although the Saudi Arabians

had been suspicious of the att tude of Uganda's new civilia

government towards Muslims, they now realized that Uganda

Flying instructor dies

Johore Baru, Malaysia, Dec 10.—A Royal Malaysian Air

Force flying instructor was killed inday when his helicopter

possible rise in the price of rice.
Many people were killed
(about 30 according to official figures; over 100 according to some reports), and there was also widespread looting.

Since then there has been a ferment of political activity. One focus of this has been the mayoral elections in Morrovia which should have taken place last month. An independent opposition candidate was put up, making it the first contested election in Liberia for over 20 years, and it seemed he might defeat the True Whig candidate.

There was, however, intense

and in the end the election was postponed until June next year to avoid any risk of more The other point of debate at

the moment is whether the main opposition group, the Progessive Alliance of Liberia (PAL), would be allowed to register as a political party PAL started as an organization the demonstration the April 14 rlot

The Liberian constitution, which is modelled on the American, does not forbid opposition parties, but there are complicated legal issues at stake.

Australia steps up horse meat exports to Japan

After supplying only three horses in 1976, Australia provided more than 500 horses in

for necreasing supposes.

Last year Japan imported more than 64,000 tournes of more meat, most of which was processed as hams and sausages. Much of the remaining meat is sold in restaurants as salura (cherry) a reference to the meat which

Few horses are imported to japan alive, although one company hired three jumbo jets to fly 450 horses from America. Those from Australia which see exported live go by book, which led to a confrontation between a Japanese.

they were given more space. An efficial of a process

emouse in stock.

One problem is that Australien horses, light and lean, are
considered inferior in quelity
to those imported from elsewhere, perbouserly from colder

list horses, are considered to have a clean hill of health and are therefore not subject to the

Melbourne drunks face 'dry' cricket

From Douglas Airon The display of drunkeness among the apectators at the Melbourne cricket ground over the weekend was such that the

there were 42 streets or charges cavering being drunt and disorderly, assaulting the police, offensive behaviour, in decent surguage and discharg

Yesterday, while Australians was playing against the Wes Indies, there were a further 3 arrests on a day of particular violent and rowdy behaviour. One woman told police si was forced to move after tw men began exposing themselve

anng into a beer can at the view of women and chaldren.

At one stage, Greg Chapper tile Australian captain structout with his bet at a man who was nested on to the ground.

Today Chief Inspector Rober Gabson said police would swam the southern stands of the ground for the rest of the summer. "We are going to he heavily the drunken elemet that are running the cracket fit the majority of speciators".

Mr Rupert Hamer, the Vatoria Prame Menister, said the possibility of imposing a tout ban on alcohol was being give serious consideration."

Mr Iam Johnson, the Me bourne Cricket Chub secretar and a former Australian captain the captain of the captain captain captain and a former Australian captain captain

and a former Australian can tain, said: "Regrenably a ver small minurity of the crows and they are not cricket lover behaved like hookgans. I spei two hours walking around the outer ground yesterday and was disgusted with what

Call for more police, page

Moroccan fighte shot down in Sahara battle

Algiers, Dec 10. — The Polisario Front claims to has short down a Moroccan Mirag P1 fighter in heavy fightin mund the key military outpoof Zak in southern Morocco. of Zak in southern Morocco.

The Front, which is fightin
an increasingly bitter wer for
the independence of the former Sahara with the support
of Algeria, said this was the
third Mirage they had she
down in the past three week.
The pilot was taken prisone
the Front said.

The Front said. The Front said 130 Morocca soldiers had been killed an

strack on Zak. The Morocca Government said last week th. 60 guerrillas were killed ne

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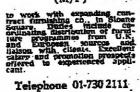
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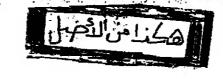
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Rolls-Royce

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Government edicts would not improve industrial relations, Sir Keith Jeseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said during questions about Rolls Royce.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh, East, Lub) had asked him if he had

met the board of Rolls-Royce Ltd after the Government statement announcing the new members of the National Enterprise Board. Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North East, C)—No.

management and work-

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Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knuts-ford, C)—Orders alone are not enough if they are unprofitable. Will be assure us that his depart-ment's financial objectives for Rolls-Royce will be, at any rate, no less stringent than those of the NER peoply the arhitement of at

NEB, namely the achievement of at

Mr Leslie Huckfield an Opposition

pokesman on industry (Nuneaton, Lab)—When Rolls-Royce was under the auspices of the NEB, as part of the NEB's guidelines Rolls-Royce had a duty to promote in-

Now that he presumes to run Rolls-Royce directly or handle it directly from the department, what advice will he gire to the Rolls-Royce chairman on industrial rela-

expressed our general desire that industrial relations shall be as good as possible. (Labour laughter.) We do not think that edicts from Government or flats under the law will improve indus-

trial relations.

We note that the legal requirement on the NEB to impose industrial democracy was ineffective

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Sir Keith Joseph-Yes.

dustrial democracy

Sir Keith Joseph-

THE TIMES TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 1979

PARLIAMENT, December 10, 1979 Competitiveness the only way to preserve steel jobs: BSC losses are not to be funded

The Government adhered to its proposition that it would not fund the losses of the British Steel Corporation during the next flamical year, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said during

questions.

Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North-Lest Lab) said he had no plans at the present to meet the chairman of BSC, but he met the chairman and

Mr. Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire, C)—Would he seek an early meeting with the chairman of Bri-tish Steel and ask how much progress they are making in cui-ting back some of their bureaucrat-try top-heavy

to preserve lobs and to be viable. The British Steel Board recognize they face a falling market and are seeking to be competitive.

Mr. Michael Erown (Brigg and Scunthorpe, C)—I accept his desire to ensure that the target he set earlier this year is met. Does he recognize, following the publication of the helf-yearly figures last week, that it is clear that the BSC is not going to be able to meet the target in the time set? If we are to have a steel industry in the to have a steel industry in the funce—e wishle steel industry—there will have to be a greater period of time for the BSC to meet his objectives.

inamagement, and is offering has already offered—
in they will erriously consider officeding some of the plant of the taxpayers money for the private sector?

Sir Keith Joseph—I regret I have financial year. We adhere to meet the proposition is for the management of British Steel.

Mr Barry Jones (East Frint, Lab)—There is widespread resent ment in my constituency at the rubbles and ferocious way he has applied his financial policies.

Sir Keith Joseph—He has to recognize that the market for much reduced are market for much reduced are much reduced are market for much reduced are market for much reduced are market for much reduced are much reduced are market for much reduced are much reduced are market for much reduced are much reduced are market for much reduced are much reduced a

amole warning of the need so to ample warning of the need so to arrange their affairs that the con-tingency he foresees does not

Mr Timothy Renion (Mid Sussex, C)—Many of the troubles of the present, chairman are due to the insistence of the Labour Government on keeping marginal steel works going because they were located in Labour constituencies. Sir Reith Joseph Misplaced kind-ness or timidy has, by preventing adjustment when the market was better, succeeded in forcing upon the British steel industry far sharper curs than might have been necessary.

mecessity.

Mr John Sikin Opposition spokesman on industry (Levisham, Deptford, Lab)—if he were right in that, it would not apply to the private sector of the steel industry which is in just as much trouble as the public sector. The real reason is that competition from other countries, particularly from Europe, is coming in on a subsidized basis. In the light of that how can he possibly expect viability by March, 1980?

Sir Keith Joseph—I do not think Mr Silidn's main proposition is true.

UK steel capacity has to be reduced to match demand

industry, sale during question time exchanges.

Mr Peter Hardy (Rother Valley, Lab) had asked what account the Secretary of State took in his consideration of the British Steel Corporation of official or national support given to the steel industries in other countries.

the steel industries in other countries.

Mr Entier (Bosworth, C)—In setting the corporation the target of operating at a profit in 1980-81, the Secretary of State (Sir Keith Joseph) had much in mind the efforts being made by steel industries in other countries also to operate profitably.

Mr Bardy—The corporation's losses per tonne are dissimilar and the position may be better than in other countries where the steel industry enjoys sustained support from their governments which are busily engaged in experting their unemployment to this country.

Will he in the national interest curbs his excessive courters to

curbs his excessive concern to slaughter BSC capacity which is required and should be sustained for the longer term?

Mr Butter—Comparisons are diffi-cult to make, but ESC in losses per tonne is very much at the bottom of the European table. Nowhere

will be find any European government which has put £3000m into its steel industry over the past four years as we have.

For the greater part, the European steel industries are operating profitably, breaking even or expecting profitability in the near future.

Mr John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C)—Could be discuss with Sir Charles Villiers his statistics in the press release last week showing that United States as well as European engineering and steel production had increased over the past five years and the dramatic decrease in Britain? This trend must be reversed after a disastrous five years.

Mr Butlet—One of the problems in the European situation has been the European situation has been the European situation has been the European steel industry as a whole is operating at about 70 per cent of capacity. This is one of our problems.

In the view of the chairman of BSC (Sir Charles Villiers), the United Eingdom industry has to bring capacity down in line with demand, which will mean a reduc-tion of the order of five million tonnes me annum.

Mr Donald Anderson (Swenses, East, Lab)—By insisting on rigid cash limits the Secretary of State is going to cause catastrophic losses in many of the regions at a time when by his industrial policy he is

Mr. Builer.—The reasons for the plans which BSC have announced in ourline and are discussing with the unions is the lack of demand, the weak market, which the Corporation sees is not directly related to the cash position.

to the cash position.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C)—There is a paradox on this issue in the artifude of the Opposition spokesman on industry in that he is tremendously opposed to the Common Market and yet the greatest support of the European industry in recent years has come from a European initiative, the Davignon plan.

Mr Bertlein I. In the average of

Mr Butler—It is the purpose of ministers to try to ensure the con-tionation of the Davignon propo-

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—The successive destruction of Scunnorpe; Lianwern and Port Talbot and destroying capacity in this country which can only be replaced in future by imports, will do even more damage to the belance of payments than the Government has done so far. Mr Butler-It is the assessment o

the BSC management that there is no market for the steel. Unlike the Labour, Party the scent. Unlike the Labour, Party the corporation try to live in the land of reality. Because the market is weak they see the need to bring their capacity down to it.

Two leaks at Windscale: no evidence of any hazard to environment

tary for Energy, gave a long written reply to four questions by Mrs Renee Short (Wolverbumpton, North Rast, Lap), about radiation leaks at Windscale. He stated: The first leak of contaminated water from the B38 storage silo was found on October 10, 1976. The bulk of the resulting activity is at present confined to within a few metres of the site of the leak. British Nuclear Euels Ling and the Construents

and the Government departments and agencies concerned are check-There is no evidence of any hazard to workers at Windscale; to the environment beyond the immediate vicinity of the buildings concerned; or to the public senerally.

generally.

BNFL have been advised that the most effective, way to stop this leak would be to empty the silo of water, solid and semi-solid. silo of water, solid and semi-solid waste and reprocess these. The company is pursuing urgently the development of schemes to do this, but it will be a considerable bone before the necessary remone control equipment, techniques and

processes can be devel-

Attempts to seal the silo from the inside without emptying it would be of doubtful effectiveness. They might also prejudice the possibility of emptying the silo. In the result of soldification of contaminated sealing material. Attempts to seal from the outside would involve exposure of workers to radio-activity, besides being of uncertain effectiveness. Since the evidence is that the additional activity which may leak out in the next few years will be small compared with the amount which has already been released and that this is contained in the vicinity of the silo, the company are to continue with the development of the emptying route.

But in parellel with this, the company has been required by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate to develop contingency

the Nuclear Installations Inspec-torate to develop contingency plans for sealing from the luside without emptying, and also for undertaking the major engineer-ing work involved in building a cortain wall round the sile should the results of monitoring make either necessary.

The second leak, of high activity liquid, from a building no longer in operational use, was stopped as soon as it was discovered. In this

case also the bulk of the remitcase also the bulk of the result-ing activity is confined to the immediate area of the leak. The activity is being monitored regu-larly and, as was made clear in an interim report published by the HSE on May 17, there is no evi-dence of any bazard in sine workers, the environment beyond the area concerned or to the

The Health and Safety Executive are to publish three separate reports on safety at Windscale. The present position on these is as follows: (a) a report on the leak, from the 238 silo is being prepared for

(b) a final report on the second leak of highly active liquids is being prepared by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate who have recently completed their investigations;

Investigations;

(c) a third report will be concerned with the findings of the review of safety arrangements at Windscale which I amounced on July 26. The review is underway, but the review team do not expect to complete their task and prepare their report for some time.

basic incentive to invest

If it was necessary to look around for additional money the off in-dustry at the moment was perhaps the most buoyant sector of the United Kingdom economy, Mr

Peter Rees, Minister of State. Treasury (Dover and Deal, C), said in moving the second reading of the Petroletan Revenue Tax Bill. The Bill's proposals (he said) were designed to ensure that a payment on account would be made by the oil extracting companies when they submitted their accounts: in other words by March I and September I in each year. There would be acceleration to the words of the extraction of the extraction. by two months of the payment of the tax. Nothing proposed in the Bill was designed to alter the quan-um of the oil companies' liability.

Mr John Garrett, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and econo-nic affairs (Norwich, South, Lab).

The oil companies were on a never-ending profits escalator. The prinok was for higher crude oil rices and ever-righer oil rompany profits. An important feature here. vax allowable expenses.

sindfall of apples because our randfall tax and PRT generally is

misunderstood, poor, enificent enterprizes.

Were the Exchequer, the community excepting their fair share of the receits of this great, irreplaceable ir Prevor Skeet (Bedford, C) said

on Britain's one successful industry?
Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scor Nat) said after five years of experimentation with PRT the time had come for a cooler look at the tax structure to see whether it could be changed to make it later in terms of the marginal fields.
Mir Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) said more thought should be given to resources in terms of future generations. The assets were immeasurable, but the way in which MPs measured up to their which MPs measured up to their stewardship of them was deplorable.

The oil was part of the country's

The oil was part or the country's heritage; and they must have a policy which limited exploitation. They should restrict production to the level needed in the United the level needed in the United Kingdom and take self-sufficiency as a pattern.
Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline, Lab) said that the Government's first priority was security of sup-

ply. The most noisone thing about the situation was that they were pillaging the future. There was a se for setting up a national of Mr Peter Rees, replying to the debate, said the Government's take: from the broad average of undis-

counted profits, taking account of royalties, corporation tax and petroleum revenue tax, was about 75 per cent and the marginal rate was \$3.8 per cent. There was an element of speculation in those figures, but they were the best which the Government was able to

make.

Attractive as the Government hoped the North Sea would remain for investment, there had to be a basic incentive for all companies. They had only limited capital and expertise, and if they were pressed too hard they might go to Mexico or elsewhere. too hard they might go to Mexico or elsewhere.

Royalites were 1720m, and the original estimate of petroleum revenue tax was 1730m. To that was to be added 1790m which the Government hoped would be accelerated. There would be corporation tax, of 1140m.

The Bill was read a second time, House adjourned, 9,41 nm.

House adjourned, 9.41 pm.

Case made for

stest figures, at July 1979,

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary for Social Services (Wallasey, C), said it was wrong to discourage copie who wanted to work after people woo wanted to work after pension age. There was a wide-spread belief that the earnings rule for retirement pensioners did dis-courage them.

Only about 5,000 pensioners had

their pension reduced because of the earnings rule out of two mil-lion or so pensioners within the scope of the rule. In 1977 about 140,000 people were deferring

The Government had to consider the most appropriate method to end the rule. It was important to consider what effects there might be on other elements in pension provision. The cost of phasing out the earnings rule would be considerable. The Government's immediate action must be to get the economy right. Until it had achieved that improvements in social security, including the abolition of the earnings rule, must take second place.

could not command priority over the more pressing candidates for public spending, it was one of the Government's priorities. There was no doubt that the case for aboli-tion had been well and truly made. The debate was adjourned.

Attorney General indicates that any jury vetting must have his direct approval

perpendied.
Mr Peter En
Would the A

Re said that the plan envisaged public funding additional to that already provided to BL. He was considering the BL proposals and would make a statement to the House as soon as possible.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—In the case of British Leyland, will be facilitate the purchase by the private sector of any manufacturing capacity and

plants that the state cannot or will sor run profitably?
Sir Keith Joseph—I understand that British Leyland is ready to

The British democratic system depended on a realistic relationship between MPs and the executive, Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C) said when he opened a debate on the need for Parliamentary control of the executive and public bodies. Parliament needed to review its own position and that of the civil servants.

a review of the status and work-ing of nationalized bodies to pro-

Mr Costain said that earlier this century details of public expenditure were debated on the floor of the House on supply days. In recent years, these supply days had become instruments of the Opposition to raise political matters in a debate which was more likely to affect the result of the next by-election than effectively to control Government expenditure.

The Department of Environ-ment, for instance, had a staff of 50,000, when only 31 United King-dom firms and 11 nationalized

Today, a minister was expected within a week of his appointment to be able to answer in the Com-mons the most searching questions on aspects of his Department. If

he might be called upon to reply to an adjournment debate after

to an adjournment debate after midnight. It would be hard to imagine the newly-appointed chairman of a large industrial group being called upon by a shareholder to give explanations at midnight about the mistakes of his predecessor. There was a difference between a minister deliberately misleading the House on a major issue, and the giving of an incorrect answer to a Parliamentary question as a

to a Parliamentary question as a result of a clerical error.

The Procedure Committee had spent a great deal of time on proposals to ravise the Select Com-

possis to revise the Select Com-mittee procedure and the House had agreed in principle. Unless these committees were denched from party politics, their delibera-tions would deteriorate.

tions would deteriorate.

Now was the time, not after problems had arisen, to get decisions from the Cabinet and the House, which was the ultimate authority.

The cost of each department serving Partiament and the committees should be investigated. There was a tendency for a department to continue to produce certain information whether or not it was of real value.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare Lab) said that MPs should be thinking

in terms of parliamentary control of the executive. At present there was a Prime Minister who seemed to be running the Government's

The Treasury were becoming economy mad. The valuable advice given by people serving on nominated bodies over the years was going to be lost. Muisters were increasingly going to depend on the advice of the civil servants.

on the advice of the civil servants. A great many myths were put about concerning the nationalized industries, to a large extent by the newspapers which were in the private sector and took a jaundiced view of those industries. Those myths should be exposed. It was said they always lost money. That was not so. If they had

Youth grant to

Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State

for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, announced during the adjournment debate that the British Council now hoped to be able to improve the amount of their grant offered to the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council.

Replying to Mr Alan Haselburst (Saffron Walden, C) Mr Blaker said he bad asked the British Coun-

said ne dad saket the British Conr-cil to review their decision on the grant. The council had said they would do so and now hoped to be able to do a good deal better than the £15,000 which Mr Haselhurst had said the council had offered as

Bird deaths on

Mersey estuary

Mr Marcus Fox, Under-Secretary for Environment, in a written reply, said—Inquiries into the deaths of birds in the Mersey estuary are being carried out by the North West Water Anthority in cooperation with local industry, statutocy bodies and voluntary wild life organizations.

Results to date show no change in metal content from the normal

level determined by annual survey since 1974.

In these circumstances I see no

cause at present to intervene in the work of local organizations but I am watching developments

be increased

There would be no jury verting if it should prove necessary except under his direct approval. Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General; said at question time.

Mr. Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) had bround consider that, as well as the received a denial when he suggested the Attorney General's best course might be to abolish fury verting rather than spend a lot of time considering how it might be considered when I come to have discussions with the Home Secretary and the Lord Charcoller.

Sir Michael Havers—I know this is a hobby horse of Mr. Fault had. should consider that, as well as the opposition to the practice. She Michael Havers (Merton, Wimbledon, C)—All these matters will be considered when I come to have discussions with the Home Secretary and the Lord Chaucellor. Mr. Michael English (Nottingdam, West, Lab)—This would have been a good subject for discussion by a select committee had it not been

Secretary and the Lord Chaucellor.

Mr Michael English (Nottingiam, West, Lab).—This would have been made from more left wing organizations, there are a number of people who believe it is terribly important we should have a secretary and the Lord Chaucellor. Mr Michael English (Nottingiam, West, Lab).—This would have been a good subject for discussion by a select committee had it not been for Lord Halisham of St Maryler bone (the Lord Chancellor) who important we should have a

chases that makes commercial sense to it.
Mr Timothy Renton (Mid-Sussex, C)—British Leyland management last week removed their BL franchise from a Norwich garage which under new ownerstip, with which I am associated, wished to increase their throughput of BL cars from 20 a year to 500 a year. They were labelled by BL management as too augressive.

Appressive.
Under those circumstances, and

Under those circumstances, and if that is the view of the management, will be ensure that no furtheir taxpayers' funds go to BL? Sir Keith Joseph—The quest'on raised by Mr Renton is entirely for the board of British Leylard who, I am sure, will read what he has said.

New select committees extend the

greater scrutiny, some of those myths could be dealt with.

If the Government carried up the Post Office, keeping the less profitable side under public ownership and the highly profitable telecommunications side being hived

off to private enterprise, that would be much to the detriment of the public. The Post Office would be in great financial diffi-

The Government was going about

public ownership in a dogmatic and doctrinaire way that the Churchill, Macmillan, Home and

Heath governments had not fol-lowed.

lowed.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) said that the Commons had no control over the policies or budgets of the nationalized industries and it was difficult to question ministers about them. The nationalized industries budgets should be brought before the House for approval.

It was fromit that the European Parliament, which had little power, nevertheless had much more influence over the content of the European Community's budget than MPs had over the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget. The House which nominally had all the power had increasingly little influence.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab)

little influence. Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) said that the gigantic public corporations were in many aspects not the sort of ideal institutions envisaged when the Labour Party travel calbing about public over cryery.

started talking about public owner-ship in the early part of this cen-tury. The publicly-owned bodies were often too bureaucratic. The Labour Party wanted to see more democratic accountability of publicly owned bodies and a much greater sensitivity to the needs and issues of the time.

The Government's philosophy

was to reduce democratic scruting by pulling out of industry wherever it could. That was in

marked contrast to its views of the

trade unions, where the Govern-ment meddled as much as it could. The Government's philosophy was hardly consistent. It wanted to

was narrily consistent. It wanted to hand over power to its business friends in the operation and control of industry and to diminish the power of working men and women to organize themselves. Democratic accountability was not in the forefront of the Government's mind.

One of the most important areas of democratic accountability was

of democratic accommability was in electing people. They should try o avoid appointees at all costs. It exalted the power of patromage, to

exalted the power of patronage, to which he was opposed. There was no reason why they should not extend democracy to cover some of the public bodies which operated in a remote way.

The secrecy which was a feature of the British system of government was unnecessary. Secrecy was too often used by frightened people as a means of putting off the genuine inquirer. It discouraged confidence in government. There was a vast area of government activity which could and should be open to public scrutiny.

Would they ever know what the weekly meeting of permanent secretaries was about? Was there an inner government which was not publicly accountable, but was manipulating the elected government?

People did not know the machin-

ery of government by which decisions were made. In that situation a certain degree of criticism and cynicism about the operation of

powers to scrutinize executive

Sir Michael Havers—I know this is a hobby horse of Mr English's. I reject atterly that Lord Hallsham is in any way frightened of any-

In The Times today that excellent reporter George Clark referred to what had huppened in the Cabinet. He said that in the end Lord Soames and Lord.

in the end Lord Scames and Lord Carrington found themselves in what was described as a large minority and so the change of plans was announced. Ministers in the Lords had been insisting the Cabinet must take a tougher the over the Local Government, Plan-ning and Land Bill. The headline was: "Anger at lack of work in the Lords".

I am sure (Mr Foot said) we are all touched by this spectacle. As John Milton described the scene: "The hungry sheep look up and are not fed." We wish to ensure that they are well fed. but later in

the session, not immediately.

If the question of giving a square meal to the Lords had been the primary consideration, it would have interfered gravely with the rights of the House of Commons. He was glad the House of Commons on this occasion had asserted itself and resetablished an im-

itself and reestablished an im-

If the practice were to grow of

introducing large numbers of Bills, particularly controversial ones, into the House of Lords, then the

balance between the two chambers could be seriously altered.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secre-

Mr Mgei Lawson, rhandar Secre-lary to the Treasury, (Blaby, C) said this Government was doing far more than any slace the war to cut down the extent of government interference in areas where responsibility was best discharged by the people directly involved.

by the reople directly invol-This eventually should mean

lins eventually should head less legislation rather than more Measures already introduced by the Government, and others which might result from the current ministerial review of policy, would reduce the extent of public sector monopolies.

monopolies.

The accountability of nationalized industries was a difficult matter. Since they came into being, no Parliament had satisfactorily got this relationship on a sensible footing, another reason for baving as few industries as possible in the parliametrized sector.

azionalized sector.

nationalized sector.

How the new departmental select committees worked out in practice remained to be seen. Potentially they represented a major extension of the power of Parliament to create an effective system of scrutiny over the activities of the executive. At the end of the day, it was up to MPs to make sure they worked and did a good job.

The committees with asking for

tent themselves with asking for ever more data of a kind which did

The motion was withdrawn.

portant principle.

payer.

salety of the state in which some form of jury vetting is essential for the protection of society. Sir Michael Bavers-This again is

eral give an assurance that pending his further consideration of this matter there will be no further authorization of jury vetting with Mr Percy Grieve (Solthull, C)—
Quite apart from what may be proper in ordinary criminal trials, it is inevitable there will be trials

Sir Michael Havers—There will be no further jury vetting if it should prove necessary except under my direct approval.

East, C)—No.

Mr Strang—His row with the NLB has distracted attention from the financial problems facing Rolls-Royce. Can he assure us that he will treat this major company. In a high technology area, with some sympathy and support and nor with the ruthless abandon which some other major publicly owards some other major publicly owards. BL would sell sections on commercial basis some other major publicly owned companies:

Sir Keith Joseph—The present add
future management of Rulls-Royce
will make as great a success as can
conceivably be made of the triumphant increase in orders that the with the potential purchasers to

Mr George Park (Coventry, North-East, Labi-Does the national in-terest include the thousands of people to be made redundant in Coventry? Mr David Stoddart (Swindon Lahl-Has he seen figures pub-Mr Graham Brighton (Luten, East, C)—When can other manufac-turers like Vauxhall expect fair competition from Leyland without lished today about the increased import penetration of cars? Does he not realize that it is necessary, if British Leyland is to compete. that they have a large injection of capital so that they can produce the new models which will sell in this country and on the export Sir Keith Joseph-That is another factor in the considerations which the Government has to make. Mr Robert Atkins (Preston, North, C)-Will be facilitate the sale of

Sir Keith Joseph—The British Ley-land plan is before me. I will report the Government's decision to the House as soon as possible.

Use of 245-T herbicides

The work of the nationalized in-

dustries and the more effective scrutiny of government-appointed bodies and nationalized industries was blurred by the membership of the Common Market. We need more open government (he said), less secrety, more democratic accountability and more elections to provide the sort

In the absence of such evidence

Mr Roy Mason (Earnsley, Lab) Fisheries and Food to list the

countries within the EEC that had

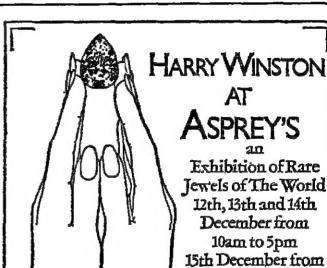
I am not aware of any scientific evidence upon which the herbi-cides concerned have been banned Mr Michael Foot, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said there had been a recent and palpable example of the attempt by this particular executive to try and interfere with the rights of the House of Commons.

the advisory committee has recom-mended and the Government has concluded, that these products can safely be used provided, as with all chemicals, they are used as recom-

Mr Peter Walker, in a written reply, said: The use of 245-T berbi-cides is not banned in France, W Germany, Belglum, Ireland, Lux-embourg and Denmark and is banned in Italy (since 1970) and The Netherlands (since 1978)

in these or any other countries. It there was such evidence it would have been received and sifted by our expert advisory committee on pesticioes.

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N Sea oil companies need

said the history of the tax was one.

If the Government continually trying to catch up with the profits of operating in the North usualty lagging well

Are the oil companies in Britain he asked ', as they are alleged to be in the United States, getting over the garden will with their windfall of apples because our randfall as and Park.

The Tory Party has always been resolute in defence of the oil com-

he Covernment was bringing into count in this year an extra pay-nent which would give it £700m. It equired this to reduce the public ector borrowing requirement. The old was reasonable but were the nearly rights? Why put the burden

earnings

rule abolition Great resentment was felt by those affected by the earnings rule for retirement pensioners, Mrs Feggy Fenner (Rochester and Chatham, C) said when she introduced a motion commending the Government on their declared inneution to abandon the rule within the lifetime of this Parliament.

She said that according to the

latest figures, at July 1979, the number of pensioners affected by the earnings rule was 2,880, but no one could estimate how many people were deterred from continuing working because the rule mean; it was not worth while to do so. This was the nation's loss. Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security (Birmingham, Perry Burr, Lab), said that the Labour Party would have wished to abolish the earnings rule, but there had to be priorities.

The Government had to consider

second place.

Although abolition of the rule

PO industrial democracy plan

The Post Office industrial democ racy experiment would lapse if there was no agreement about its continuation. Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Industry,

He told Mr Leslie Huckfield, an Opposition spokesman on Industry (Nuneston, Lab) that the views of all interested parties on the experiment's continuation were being considered and that Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, would make a statement

Mr Buckfield-There is much susnicion that his department is about to terminate this experiment. There is concern because many in the trade union movement feel the experiment has been valuable. Will he give an undertaking that he will assure the trade union

members who have been appointed

to the Post Office board that they have done valuable work and that, because of that, the experiment will continue? Mr Bufler (Bosworth, C)—I am well aware of views on this because well aware of views on this because
I have been consulting widely with
the Post Office management, trade
union members on the board,
many other trade unionists and
others interested.
Mr Buffer said later that such
agreements should not continue by
diktat.

Consultations on New European vice-president European Parliament Strasbourg

Mr Dankert is a former member

Mr Pieter Dankert, a Socialisi member of the Dutch Parliament and a member of the European Parliament since 1977, has been elected a Vice President of the European Parliament. The vacancy was caused by the death in a car accident last month of Mr Anne

the Council of Europe and Western European Union. At present he has dual mandate. As was expected. there were no other THIS

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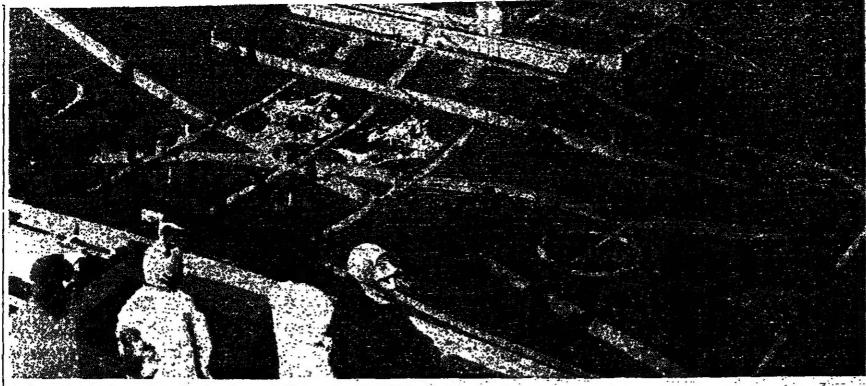
was a 24-year-old American guitarist, John Holmquist, whose playing no less than his programme testified to his bebef in his instrument as a serious marsic-maker. True, his chosen povelty, Daniel Sturm's Three Bagatelles (1979), reetered uncertainly and insignificandy between neo-romantic lyricism and parody of Bach. But in Bach's own second lute suite and Couperin's "Tombeau de M. Blancrocher" there was again much to enjoy in Mr Holmquist's sensitivity and poise, his mellow tone and inelligently musical use of

though not the north, of Engand as a clarinet and piano duo, John Fuest and Stephanie Ramford could farst be welcomed for an engaging bill-of-fare including the Loudon pre-mieres of Stephen Pratt's amospheric yet shapely A Winter's Fancy and Koechin's succinct, neo-classical second sonata. Mr Fuest relished escape from his Liverpool or-chestral desk, spicing his contescape from his Liverpool or-chestral desk, spicing his cont-rolled agility with pungent anack and a wide dynamic range in the new works and also in Weber's Grand Duo Concertent, Debussy's Rhapso-die No 1 and miniatures by Schumano, Reger and Lutos-lawski, too.

lawski, too.

The Japanese violinist Hiroshi Okouchi could also boast considerable experience at home in orchestral and chamber music as well as solo fields. If not a spontaneously bird-like, lyrical charmer, he had enough firm-edged strength of tone and command of bow and fingers to carry him through Bartok's long, demanding first sonata with real aploub. John Blakely was a courageously emphatic, all-conquering keyboard partner. Innuendo sometimes emerged Innuendo sometimes emerged too explicit in Debussy's Sonata, and Brahms's No 2 would have benefited from more personal phrasing. But these were also broadly despatched, as was a new unac-companied sonata by Shin-Ichiro Ikebe, most memorable for its reflective finale.

None of the week's visitors could boast a sturdier technique than the German planist
Robert Leonardy. Though a
rival recital prevented me
from hearing his Couperin and
Ravel, there was ample evidence of uncommonly goen dence of uncommonly even, fluent fingers in a Fantasia and Fugue (a fugal tour de force) by Bach offered as first encore, while wrists and arms came into their own in the course of Mendelssohn's Variations Sérieuses, done with stimidaring pungency even if elightly mannered rubato, like-wise the climaxes of Hindemith's third sonata and Chopin's F minor Ballade.



Design: The Garden at Drummond House from Higher Ground (1976) by Michael Audrew

Obstinate individuality is British strength

The British Art Show Mappin Art Gallery. Sheffield

Arthur Rackham Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield

Richard Eurich, R.A. Bradford Art Gallery

to stop and take stock. The last occasion for a long, hard look at the state of art in Britain was five years ago, with the big Arts Council show at the Hayward Gallery British Painting '74, which assembled the work of 122 living artists, ranging in styles from Duncan Grant to Bridget Riley, and left us to draw our own con-clusions about the vigour and variety of the scene. That show was chosen in effect by a comwas chosen in effect by a conmittee, and included only paintings (within a fairly loose
definition of the term). The
new Arts Council show at
Sheffield—later to be seen in
Newcastle and Bristol but not,
hearticable of looked different inexplicably, in London—differs by including sculptures as well, by being the choice of one man and, what might be the crucial distinction, by coming five years later, five years in which there bave been a lot of changes.

Or have there? Looking at it just in terms of numbers, I can count only 27 of the 112 artists represented in this show who were also included in the 1974

discounting a few sculptors who were by definition left out before and the one or two seniors who have been picked up this time when previously ignored (Lucien Freud, for example). And the choice this time is about as catholic as in time is about as catholic as it was in 1974; though the selector is an art critic, William Packer of The Financial Times, this is emphatically not an idiosyncratic Critic's Choice but a very fair attempt 'at a balanced and comprehensive show of what is now going on. Indeed, the exhibition is so large and inclusive that it cuns if anything the danger of leaving us more confused as we depart than we were when we

plan. There is no reason, after all, why an exhibition of this all, why an exhibition of this type should try to impose an order where no order is. I remember the 1974 show as having a kind of emotional centre in the work of the younger representational painters, many of them related somehow to the Pop Art movements of the 1960s, and an implied connexion between them and the older representational painters in a recognizably English idiom. I suppose that image of the show could not be justified statistically, but certainly that was where it seemed strongest and most impressive. Now a number of the implied connexion between them and the older representational painters in a recognizably English idlom. I suppose that image of the show could not be justified statistically, but certainly that was where it seemed strongest and most impressive. Now a number of the artists concerned (Tom Philips. Peter Blake, Kitaj have been dropped—though Hockney, a surprising absence before, has been added—and there does not seem to be any feeling of a centre at all. No doubt there is a growing-point of British art today somewhere, but it is hard to see exactly where it is.

Instead, one gives up looking for mencks, and keeps coming back obstinately to the obsti-

nate individuals. Sometimes there is a slightly dutiful, because-they're-there feeling about the inclusions, perhaps because no really first-rate, revelatory work by the artists concerned was available. But it is good to see two paintings by Karl Weschke, one of those famous unknown painters (despite a show at the White-chapel Art Gallery five years ago), whose strange, hare paintchape) Art Gallery tive years agol, whose strange, here paintings of a dog feeding on a beach and a lone rider on a moor mysteriously dominate their environment, insistent though it be. By the same test of immediate competition for attention, Maggi Hambling's house and drammenanting near at haunted dream-pointings mag at the memory, even when they ostensibly concern something as innocent and straightforward as a heron in Battersea Park. Among the new-school abstractionists (with minimal

abstractionists (with manufal leanings, that is), Alan Green's Silver Green Square imposes itself, and reminded me to wonder why no Rob Law, since he points such apparently similar paintings which yet, because of the differences of personality, come out quite differently.

It is difficult not to

work of his I have seen for a long time, porhaps just because he has got for once a bit away from kinky boots and all that. The Detrick Greaves drawings are wonderfully sensitive and precise. And, just to show that I do not like everything, I must note that I am by now very tired of Hamish Fukton and Richard Long and their boringly documented walks: maybe at is the concept that counts, but once across Arctic Canada or from end to end of the Avon seems more

Arctic Canada or from end to end of the Avon seems more than enough.

So, disappointingly, no conclusions. British art appears to be haring off at the moment in every direction simultaneously, and, if it does not make for easy formulations, so much the worse for the viewer who requires them. Should such a person happen to find himself requires them. Should such a person happen to find himself in Sheffield anyway, he would probably be much happier over at the Graves Art Gallery, where there is a small but wholly admirable (and eminently manageable) show of Arthur Rackbam, Rackbam, as the only illustrator of the early twentieth century who has never suffered a dramatic dip in his reputation, is so familiar as to be backneyed. And yet to see so many of the originals of work known only from photographic reproductions in books of the period is to wonder again at his complete mastery and control of his own goblin-haunted garden. His is no epic talent, but the sonnet and the haiku have

sonner and the name have their place too.

Still in the North, it is well worth dropping in on a major retiscovery operation at Cartweight Hall, Bradford, Richard Eurich has been for many years one of mose British resistents.

No orchestra manages to sound

3, is, when you come to listen to it, an extraordinary oddly

to it, an extraordinary oddly balenced piece.

Bach, his mind set on symmetry—and, it is only fair to say, his ear set on timbres quite different from ours—scored it for three violins, three pilolas and three cellos, with violone (double bass) and harpsichord. He was extravagant with his cellos; only for

gant with his cellos: only for five bars in the entire work are

St John's

Stanley Sadie

He has never been extrava-gantly fashionable, and never dropped dramatically, totally dropped dramatically, totally from view: it has been regularly possible, for instance, to see his recent work at the Academy or the Fine Art Society, where a slightly reduced version of this show is due in March. But seeing somuch of his work together, reverting more than 50 weeks of

covering more than 50 years of continuous activity, one recognizes a remarkable range and a very palpable consistency of style and vision. From his latest syle and vision. From his latest work, mostly pale-coloured beach scenes, we might suppose him to be best on a small scale, but in Bradford it is clear that his most distinctive talent is the ability to handle enormous visias with complete conviction. Paintings like The Withdraugal from Dunkirk and Air Fight over Portland give a more overwhelming sense of great distances and understanding of pictorial as well as geographical space than the work of any other modern British-painter I can think of.

There is much more to carch the eye: his flirterious with Surrealism in the mildly bornific scarecrow pictures of the

Surregism in the mildly borrific scarecrow pictures of the late 1940s (again, at an unfashioneble mine and refusing easy classification), or the passing influence of Christopher Wood (the only perceptible influence on this very individual painter) in some lendscapes of the early 1930s, or the easy morumentality of some of the later beach scenes such as Rolling Bathers on a Rafty Beach or the frieze-like Beach Scene with Figures, both of 1969-70. It with Figures, both of 1969-70. It is good to know that, at 76, Richard Eurich is sull ploughing his own forrow, still paint-ing as well as ever.

John Russell Taylor

the three not in unison, and mostly they have the bass and the harpsichord with them, no, while the violins and violas are often independent.

In a performance like this, the bass line booms forth, supporting the body like a foundation garment of sprung-steel. Some unusual things were happening above, too. In particular, the players often supplemented Bach's dynamic indications, thereby supplying a new pouch of refinement. The hush at the climatic final riternells, was particularly remarkable.

Bradenburg No 5, shough it No orchestra manages to sound bad in the generous accustics of St John's, Smith Square, and some sound really fuscious. The English Chamber Orchestra, boldly setting aside current theories about the proper sound for haroque music, offered plenty of nourishment to the hungry ear in last night's concert. Their programme was mainly of Bach; and one rarely hears his polyphony so fulsome. But there were times when one could hardly hear it at all. The trouble with such under-

Bradenburg No 5, shough it was not a very polished performance, was more enjoyable.
William Bennett phrased William Bennett phrased sweetly on the flote, and Josef Fröhlich was the attentive violin soloist; Nicholas Kraemer at the harpsichord played with character, and carried off the big cadenza wish style, lacking only a hint of rhetoric at the end. Earlier Mr Fröhlich had partuered the eloquent Neil Black in the violin and oboe concerto. We also had, as a change from Carelli, the Christmas Concerto of Manfredini: The trouble with such under-articulated playing is that the rich sound becomes richer, and the poor, poorer. Any imbalance in the music is accentuated. And Brandenburg Concerto No mas Concerto of Manfredini less characterful music, and things did not go quite smoothly in the pastoral movement, but there were happy echoes of folky Italian piffari and zam.

The Kingdom Festival Hall

Noel Goodwin

Elgar has never lacked persuarive advectors for his instru-mental music but, except for The Dream of Gerontius, his choral massic has not com-mended itself to many conduc-tors in the wake of Sir Adrian Route Andrews Devision becomes Boult. Andrew Davis, however, committed himself eloquently to the cause of The Kingdom on Sunday night, in the last of his programmes of English music with the Philharmonia Orchestra, which was also broadcast on Radio 3.

character by massing all the violins on his left, when the division of firsts and seconds on opposite sides of the plat-form is implicit in the orches-tral breadth and texture. Otherwise it was a firmly con-formance which drew playing trolled, sensitively phrased perof quiet rapture as well as majestic sonority from the

rchestra.

Bible scholars might spend

Christmas to Epiphany from Christmas to Epiphany without tracking down all the too hard in trying to scriptural sources on which a complete repertory.

John Percival three years after The Apostles,

as the centrepiece of a trilogy that was never completed. The Church military is only begining to gird itself in The Kingdom. Fired with the gift of tongues in a pentrostal sequence that drew music of

sequenceman orew music or endurink beauty and imagina-tion from the composer, it is also at times incredibly paive in words and sentiment alike. A strength of choral singing can overcome this passing weakness in the oratorio structure, but here, on the evidence of this occasion, the Philhar-monia Choros is not what it once was. That vivid attack, that radiant conviction, seldom broke through the solid rhythbroke through the solid rhyth-mis basis, and neither "O ye Priests I" nor the setting of the Lord's Prayer in the final sec-tion had the range of choral feeling which can make them memorable, although the semi-charus of mystic voices did acquire a touch of poerry.

The four solo singers were also variable Jonathan Summers made much of Peter's lines with an unforced barnone of incisive character and tonal eloquence. but Robert Tear sounded hardly more than perfunctory in the tenor's music Itobel Buchanan sing a pleasing account of "The sun goeth down" but surprisingly sounded strained in reaching for some of the soprano's high notes, and it was from the con-traine, Alfreds Hodgson, that one heard most of the splendour of Elgar's musical affirmation that the unity of manking must rest in approprial strength

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Sylvia in her ancestral Parisian home

Delibes's music for Sglvia is even better than his Coppelia: richer and more thrilling. Those who know only the famous pizzicato, all delicate prettiness, might be surprised by the voluptuous grandeur of the music for the big pas defear by the remultious almost deux, by the tumultuous, almost Valkyrian, stir that brings on Sylvia's huntresses, or the sharp excitement of the hunt-

ing calls which ring out at the beginning of Act III.

Music of such quality, written specially for the stage by an important French com-poser, simply had to be res-tored to the programmes of the Paris Opera, and they were right to try to get as near as possible to the original treatment. Lycette Darsonval, who took on that task, must know the traditional choreography better than anyone. As a young dancer, half a century ago, she danced the riny role of the young shepherd at the great Carlotta Zambelli's farewell to the title part. Later (after first dancing a new version by Lifar) she was the ballering in a revival of the old version by Zambell's former partner, Abbar Avalies

Albert Aveline.
There are just two snags.
First, it is clear that Louis
Merante, who staged the original Sylvia in 1876, was nothing like so fine a choreographer as Arthur Saint-Leon, the creator of Coppelia, six years earlier. Almost certainly Leo Staats, who modified it for Zambelli, improved the ballet, but then

improved the ballet, but then
over the years some roles were
cut to the detriment of the
total effect.

Encouraged and helped by
Violette Verdy, director of the
Ballet de l'Opéra. Darsonval
has tried to build up a full
version again. She has also
aimed to replace mime by
dancing wherever possible. But dancing wherever possible. But the outcome is that the quality of the choreography varies a good deal, some of it in an enchanting period style, some obviously modern; some of it

imaginative, but quire a lot conventional. Choreographically, in fact, it cannot compare with the version Ashton created for the Royal Baller (overdue for revival, in my view, but not in the truncated form in which it was last given). However, in their dramatic structure the French

scenario.
On the debit side must be designs. The settings are acceptdesigns. The settings are acceptable, especially the third act, but the costumes, ostensibly inspired by the Italian Mannerists and the school of Fontainebleau, are hideously anachronistic and, paradoxinal book far too modern. cally, look far too modern.



Noëlla Pontois and Jean-Yves Lormeau in Sylvia

Against that, the way the music is played is a joy to hear. Patrick Flynn and Stewart Kershaw successively conducted performances of sensitivity, style and vigour. On stage, too, I caught two different casts in most of the solo roles. Noëlla Pontois brings a wiry elegance, an impeccable technique and subtle musicality to the title part. Wilfride Piollet cannot match her delicacy, especially in the pizzicato solo, but dances very strongly and makes more of the character. Jean-Yves Lormeau, with Pontois, was the more lyrical Aminta.

Among the other inter-

Among the other inter-preters, Georges Piletta's Eros was outstanding. The solos in the last act are given with notable bravurs, but even more striking is the commanding dignity be gives the dramatic moments and the humour be shows when disguised as a sorcerer to revive the wounded have a more than a progress. hero Aminta. His progress around the body in a plod-plod-plod-skip thythm is irresistibly funny.

Even the considerable talent and English productions of Cyril Atanassoff cannot resemble each other closely, both following the detailed vincing, largely, I think, debit side must be Bernard Dayde's he settings are acceptable with the setting are acceptable with the setting are acceptable with the setting acceptable w

While the Ballet de l'Opéra is busy performing simul-taneously in Sylvia (to be fol-lowed later this month by Coppelia) at their home theatre and the Manired programme at the Palais des Sports, other theatres in Paris, large and small, have a multi-plicity of dance events at present. The most interesting new work I saw was Paul Tay-lor's Nightshade, given by his company in their extended sea-son at the Théarre de Eoulogne-Billancourt.

In location and function, this house seems a Parisian equivalent to Riverside Studios, only larger, more comfortable but less intensively occupied. Nightshade is one of Taylor's black pieces: there is no specific plot but certain characters and incidents evoke the world of Poe, to piano music by Scriabin. Elie Chaib has a raven's face, Ruth Andrien scampers in fleshings under a transparent black robe and Carolan Adams interpretate Carolyn Adams interrupts a respectable nineteenth-century party looking like a refugee from Aida

The Eliot Feld Ballet, another American company making its Paris debut at the Champs-Elysees, had nothing comparably original to offer. Feld's choreography to the music from The Soldier's Tale (sans words) might be renamed the pimp's story, because his own role takes most prominence, devilish in purple suit and red spotlight Jeff Satinoff and fellow-sol-

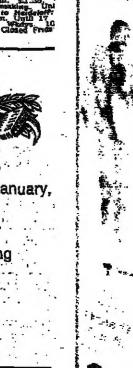
diers dance energetically to little effect.

tle effect.
Intermento, to Brahms piano
pieces, is probably Feld's hestknown work (the Canadian
Ballet brought it to London
some years agot, but The Gods
Amused was the work most
liked by the French andience.
It has one man (Edmund
LaFosse) and two women in
white rights moving sensously white tights moving sensuously to Debussy's Danse Sacrée et Danse Projane. Both works are pleasing, especially Christine Sarry's fast entries in Intermeta, but without great indiv.duality.
Many of Feld's ballets seem

Many of reld's batters seem to take works by other choreographers as their starting point. Half Time looks like his answer to Union Jack. Everyone wears stars and stripes; they imittee sportsmen, cheerleaders and even the Statue of Liberty. There is a finale which I think is meant to intenduce a tenth of seriousness. troduce a touch of seriousness end proves to European audiences, even more embar-rassing than the funny bits.

Is this another example of how different taste on opposite sides of the Atlantic makes some ballets unexportable? On the whole, I doubt it Feld has produced some works far more talent is variable and perhaps pushed too hard in trying to provide a complete repertory.

interesting than those he brought to Europe, notably A Footstep of Air which combines Beethoven and folk inspiration to good effect. But bis



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Cricket

in favour of an extra Test match

By Richard Streeton

marches rather than the traditional live should be played on the 1981 Australian tour of England seems tertain to be approved by today's meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's. Less cer-

meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's. Less certain to be passed is a proposal that neutral grounds should be used for the semi-final rounds of the Gillette and Benson and Hedges Cups.

The large revenue provided by Test hisches when the Ashes are at stake is the reason for the expanded Test series.

Neutral grounds for cup semi-final round games is recommended by the TCCB's cricket committee and has the support of the county captains. Some county committees, however, oppose the move which they feel is unfair to members. Should neutral grounds be agreed, it is proposed that the semi-final round matches would be played at the nearest Test ground to the two counties concerned. Another innovation for the Benson and Hedges Cup alone is that the four winners of the prelimbarry groups should be guaranteed a home we in the quarter-final round stage.

The TCCB have closed two more loopholes in the regulations for one-day matches. It has been officially ruled that no declarations will be permitted in cup competitions. Under arm bowling is also barred.

Several changes are recom-

drions. Under arm bowling is also barred.

Several changes are recommended for county championship matches. The one hundred overs limitation in the first innings is abolished which will give young middle order barsmen the chanca to build an innings properly. Bonus points will only be available, however, over the first one hundred overs and 20 points rather than 12 will be scored for a win. The maximum of 28 points at stake in a match could lead to some startling changes in position in the championship able. Wickets will be fully covered for the first innings of each team but not afterwards.

not afterwards.

Fast bowlers in English cricket will continue to be limited to one bouncer an over. Umpires must obtain the approval of the ground authority before calling off play for the day. Finally the 1981 seson will start a week later than astal on May 6, and end a week later in the second week of September. Though a study of weather patterns has shown that the English climate is no more reliable in September than April, grounds should dry out quicker in the autumn than the spring.

Money talks | England in fine psychological fettle

Fram John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Sydney, Dec 10

Australiz rather than England
are having problems of selection at
the moment. In every paper,
morning and evening, the same
fast howiers who were the greatest
in the world a Jortnight ago are
now "all washed up". Says today's Sydney Mirror: "Australia's
aging cricketers, visibly creaking,
are being crucified by a dreadfullyplanned tour and the Australian
board's greed for quick money".
It makes a welcome change from
the "England go home "angle.
For the next march in the world
series one-day competition, between England and Australia here
tomorrow (hours of play 2.30 to
10.15). England will almost certainly field the same side that beat
Australia in Melbourne on Saturday. Miller is still being troubled
by his back. He is flying to Perth
ritis evening, where he will be met
by the somerset captain, Brian
Rose, the idea being that the
sooner he gets there the longer his
back will have to recover from the
journey before the first Test match
starts in Perth on Friday. The
flight from here to the western seaboard is as far as from London to
Moscow and most of the way hack.
Australia have made three
changes from the ide that loot
twice over the weekend. Laird
and Bright have been dropped
(they retain their more coveted
frest places) and Laughlin, Darling
and Walker have been sent forwith Thomsson looking for the
moment like a spent force, and
Hogg, like Miller, being bothered
by his back, Walker will probably
play tomorrow. Walker is 31;
although still a useful bowler he
will do nothing to make the Australian fielding more mobile.

It may well be that the side who
play for Australia tomorrow will
differ by four places from the one
that take the field in Friday's
Test match. Darling, Laughlin,

Melbourne, Dec 10. — Vivian Richards, the West Indies batsmen, has been given at least a week's rest in the hope that he can overcome a nagging groin injury. The West Indies gambled by playing Richards yesterday in the one-day cricket international against Australia here and were rewarded when he acored a manthwinning 153 not out. Richards hit 140 in the first pest a week ago, and Clive Lloyd, the captain, satisfied with the dividend, will avoid risking him further.

avoid risking him further.

The West Indies travel to Yea, north-east of here, where they will face a Victorian Country XI to-morrow. While Richards is rest-

Lloyd to rest Richards



Miller is out of the one-day game with back trouble.

Walker and Walters, all here on call for tomorrow, have gone of them been chosen for Perth; Laird, Dymock and Bright, on the other hand, have. The Australian selectors i Mesers Ridings. Greg Chappell, Davidson, Lindwall and Loxton) are in a tangle, brought about by their uncertainty as to what to do about the old brigade. They could do with a victory.

Should England win tomorrow

operation on his right knee and is now off crutches and can exer-cise the leg freely.

Lloyd, will probably be included in the team to play a four-day game against Tasmania in Launceston starting on Friday. He is keen to play in the one-day international against Australia in Sydney on December 21, and described his recovery as "encouraging." Richards is likely to have only one game, against a Queensland Country side on December 19, before returning for the Syd-

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Lloyd, will probably be included

they would need to win two and possibly only one of their last five one-day matches to qualify for the finals to be played on January 20, 22 and 24. England have had a good fortught and are in five fertile and they need no in the fettle, and they need no reminding of the psychological advantage to be gained from another quick victory over Australia, even if it is a one-day game. The pitch for tomorrow was wet this morn-

wake of a heatwave last week the weather here remains, very warm, just when Australia deed Pascoe, now their fastest bowler, he is injured, having falten heavily on his shoulder in a recent Sheffield Shield march. Of the younger fast bowlers the one nearest to heing chosen, should Lillee and Thomson ful to "come good", is Lawson, who is 22 and plays for New South Wales. But Thomson and Lillee have to bow in Perth yet and that can be the fastest pitch in the world, ideal for a fast bowler's rehabilitation.

The Australians have a lot of

bowler's rehabilitation.

The Australians have a lot of hard cricket ahead of them. Twice thetween December 29 and January 9 and January 26 and February 6; they have ten days' Test cricket out of 12, due to their having to play West Indies as well as England. There is also all the one-day stuff and the Sheffield Shield, and soon after England and West Indies have left the Australians themselves leave for Pakistan. That is a young man's

Pakistan. That is a young man's programme.

The different demands of the one-day and the five-day game are well illustrated by the fortunes of Bruce Laird. To my mind he was the man of the match in Brisbane last week, when making 92 and 75 for Australia in their first Test against West Indies. His technique and courage against the fast bowling were admirable. Yet he has been dropped for tomorrow because his game lacks the flexibility for Instant cricket. His place is taken by Darling, who played in four Test matches against England last winter.

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Call for more police

were needed to control the spec-tators who watch international cricket, an Australian Cricket

"People have told me that they're scared to take their kids to the ground for fear of them getting injured", he said. "I think night matches are an open invitation to louts on Sydney Hill to come along and cause trouble."

Austrolian cricket authorities have hanned spectators from bringing alcohol to tomorrow night's match in Sydney between England and Australia in an attempt to prevent a repeat of the near riotous scenes at night matches two weeks ago.

The cricket authorities are concerbed that the once boisterous and almost good-humoured heckling of spectators againet visiting teams

spectators against visiting teams has changed to a mood of violence and bad temper when Australia are heaten.—Reuter.

Athletics

Clough helps Britain's build-up for Moscow

Brian Clough has pledged his support to Britain's Olympic effort. Mr Clough the Nortingham forest manager, has offered facilities at the City ground to athletes and Danny Nightingale could be the first to benefit.

pentathlon, needs to see a physio-therapist and the chairman of the Sports Aid Foundation, Paul Zetter, said yesterday: "I am sure Forest would be pleased to see him. Brian Clough has told me him. Brian Clough has told me that he would like to help in any way possible. He very much

Nightingale, who won a gold medal at the Spartakiade in Mos-cow last summer, lives near Not-tingham. He said: "Forest's cow last summer, lives near Not-ingham. He said: "Forest's offer is attractive and could prove very useful." The Secretary of the British Athletics Board, David Shaw said that Forest's offer would be accepted because of the shortage of facilities. of the shortings of facilities.

Mr Shaw and Mr Zetter found themselves split on the question of Gensfrey Capes, who was added to the foundation's elite squad yesterday along with Alian Wells and Brendan Foster.

Capes is not on the boards list of automatic Olympic selections— also labelled " elite "—but plans to press his claims with money from the foundation. " I am going to New Zealand between January 5 and 27 and my performances there will, hopefully, get me into the board's squad ", Capes said. Capes returns in time for the indoor international against West Germany and Mr Shaw said this would be taken into account. "At the moment Capes is not 'elite' as far as we are concerned. But I have given an assurance that, if he gives good performances in New Zealand and indoors, then his case will be re-submitted."

Capes is upset at being asked to qualify for Moscow and has opted out of the European indoor cham-pionships. "The training is going sufficiently well for me not to have to compere. My aim is the Olympics, but if it wasn't for the Sports Aid Foundation there is no way balf the athletes would be making it to Moscow."

Other athletes to have received "elite" grauts are Sebastian Coe, Daley Thompson, Mike McLeod and David Moorcraft. In all, 32 competitors covering hine sports have received the grants. The foundation has handed out over 1750,000 in the past year and expects to exceed fin grants in the build up to the Olympics.

O'Neill can take four more steps to title

Alan Brown. The Irishman preferred to go north to Newcastle
where he landed a treble in the
first three races on Netherton,
Selby and Norton Cavalier. This
afternoon O'Neill again has
several funcied mounts at Teesside
Park and could well win the last
four races on Ebornessersdouble,
Vascar, Jonathan's Choice and
Falkelly.

Ebornessersdouble has never

Witton Novicies Strephenate
Maurice Camacho's five-year-old
has been placed three times
against similar opposition and
should be good enough to take
care of Eastly Lad and Hot
Tomato.

Falkelly is as yet unraced over
hurdles. However the three-yearold has been well schooled at
Malton and should be too good for
his more experienced

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26, 8.0; Dec. 27, 28, 39, 6,0 4 8.40 Park and could well win the last four races on Eborneezersdouble, Vascar, Jonathan's Choice and old has been well schooled at Malton and should be too good for his more experienced opponents been the most reliable of customers. But the 10-year-old is already twice a winner over the Course and did nothing wrong when chasing home Gay Sparan here recently. Moorside and Narvik, are the obvious dangers in the Loudonderry Handicap Steeplechase. Vascar was strongly THE KING AND I

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fancied at Newcastle last Friday, the day racing was abandoned. He has yet to be seen out this season but is reported to be fit enough to win the Middlesbrough Handicap Hurdle.

When weights in this large field.

Whatever one thinks of Geoffrey Gibb's placing of 23 two year-olds within 71b of the top weights, monteverdi, in the Free Handicap, when weights in the free Handicap, in the Free Handicap, in the free Handicap.

which the international disagree which the international disaint-cation of the three-year-olds. The joint board, which consists of the English, Irish and French handicappers have placed the Prix de l'Art de Trimphe winner. Three Troftsas, at the head of affairs, a pound in front of Troy and 4th ahead of Le Marmot,

Taking the weight-for-sex scale into consideration, this assessment suggests that, at his best. Troy would either have dead-heated with or beaten Three Troftsas in the Arc. In other words they have rated Troy on his best performance, that in the Derby, and chosen to disregard some of his latest efforts. And that must be tribute enough to his courage and staming.

cricket, an Australian Cricket
Board member said here today.
Tim Caldwell, a member of the
board's emergency committee.
made the comment after 75
people were arrested at Melbourne
Cricket Ground on Saturday and
Sunday during the one-day games
played by Australia against England and the West Indies.
"I'd like to see more police
at matches but unfortunately
cricket is not the only sport that
needs their supervision", Mr
Caldwell said.
He believed the increasing violence from brawls, mainly between
drunken spectators, was frightening people away from the games.

Scudamore gives another dogged display Fitterove, who beat his stable companion, Eastern Citizen, by a bead in the last stride of the working the course on Saturdey to tackle son one). This was the Newmanket son one). This was the Newman

been running him too quickly between races and it has become apparent that he does his best when fresh. So we kept him in his box for three days before this race. he said. Balteus headed the from £5,000 to £7,500.

Mellor Handicap steeplechase. Season. Fats Morgana, who has also won four races on the flat for fluishes this winter, for half way up the run-in five horses were locked in battle, with Eastern Citizen, who had been in the lead from about halfway, giving his all in defeat. He was near collapse from exhaustion after the race, in which Mayride was only a neck further away, third.

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Plumpton programme 12:30 KEYMER CHASE (Handicap: novices: £841:3m 1f)



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5-2 Bishopsward. 4-1 More Pleasure 6-1 Abbey Bris. Benson, 6-1 Triango. 10-1 Carle's larg. 12-1 Buck Royale, Fine Bard, 16-1 others.

Plumpton selections By Michael Seely

12.30 Palaestrina. 1.0 SURPRISING PRINCE is specially recommended. 1.30 Super Chant. 2.0 Mr Linnet. 2.30 Southern Mobile. 3.0 More Pleasure.

Teesside Park selections

By Michael Seely 12.45 Corker, 1.15 Silver Blade, 1.45 Eborneezersdouble, 2.15 Vascar, 2.45 Jonathan's Choice, 3.15 Falkelly.

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scuoamore and joan Suthern, rode fine finishers, with Scudamore's win on Lord Vestey's chestnut being his ninth since he turned professional less than three weeks ago. With 30 winners, he needs only one more to lose his allowance.



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Rugby Union

local heavy men to level an old score

ust over three weeks ago when buoyant well-drilled Oxford side roduced a fine performance gainst Major Stanley's XV and against Major Stabley's XV and when Cambridge remained in disarray with injuries, the outcome of today's University rugby match for the Bowring Bowl tooked not too difficult to predict. Since then, however. Cambridge at last have got their trongest combination together. There was much to encourage their hopes in the victory over Steele-Bodger's team and, though Oxford remain the bookmaker's favourities, the odds on their winnings are now reduced. So it has the makings of one of the wast intensiting of one of the

and they have some ourstanding players in important positions. The sturdy captain and screinhalf, fan Peck, and the dashing full-hack. Ian Metcalfe, are England B players and both were reserves for the recent international against New Zealand. The big competitive lock, Paul Ackford, is another man who has wone a cap for England B. The stand-off half, Marcus Rose, and lames Thornton, a wing, have James Thornton, a wing, have played for England under 23. It remains to be seen what chances Metcalfe gets for his strong and incisive running but, on paper at least, he looks a better bet as a goalkicker than anyone Oxford can produce. an produce.

Rose is one of the best full socks in the country but he may ack the edge in pace so important for his new position. His rision of the game and his tactical sicking might be relling factors.

Thornton, a stand-off a year ago, and centre when he won his Blue in 1976, may find it harder to influence the events on the wing, although he will be lively in counterattacks if Oxford offer him the connectuairs. him the opportunity.

Ackford, however, will be at the heat of the battle. He has enjoyed two good games for his divisional side against the All Blacks and ought to be capable of ruling the lineout, at least outhe Cambridge throw-ins. Oxford will have different notions. They will hope to win the scrummages and thus provide scope for Nicholas Mallett, a big, fast. Constructive No 8, good enough to be a member of the England training party. him the opportunity.

to be a member of the England. training party.

Here perhaps lies the crux and Cambridge know it. The Cambridge forwards trained most trenuously on Sunday, with mounting confidence so it is reported against the best and biggest scrummagers to be found locally. If Cambridge can achieve party in the tight, they ought to win.

But this is a good Oxford pack and Oxford packs rarely full to play to their capacity on the big day. Peter Enevoldson is the sort of strong and inspiring captain who will demand that previous standards are matched if not exceeded. This may be the best knit—as it is certainly the most confident—Oxford side in many years. They will not want to be remembered as the one which allowed Cambridge, in the ninety-eighth match of the series, to nudge ahead of them in victories arhieved. Both universities have been drawn and another Cam-

Seventh in eight years.

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three clubs for violence By Arthur Osman

Three rugby teams in Warwick-shire have been told that members of the county's society of referees have refused to officiate at their matches during the man factories. matches during the next fortnight.
The teams involved are Atherston.
Old Silhillians and Old War-

wickians.

Dennis White, secretary of the society, said the decision followed "attempted or actual assaults" on referees after players had been sent off. He said the management committee of the society, which represents 100 referees, was "so concerned it had decided it was the society of the society. e something was done to serve a sharp lessen. We are now withdrawing our

mbers from games involving se clubs over the next two ks. You expect a bit of abuse ring a match but there is a rked tendency now for dissent become more apparent which wrong. We are now very conerned because dissent is one thing but assault is another. If there are other instances we shall review the situation and apply the same

principle."

At Twickenham, an official of the Rugby Football Union said:
"I have never come across such a situation before, in effect the a situation before. In effect the referees have suspended these clubs for they would find he very difficult to get referees from another county society. Referees tend to stick together and support each other. We have had clubs suspended before but never to my knowledge a withdrawal of

"We have never accepted vio-ience and have always tried to do something about it. This must have is

Tennis

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Referees boycott | All Blacks tour of Wales

'savagely hard' Christchurch, Dec 10.—The New Zeakard itherary for their rugby tour of Wales next year is "savagely hard". beyond the capacity of mere mortal rugby players to survive," a newspaper raid her today.

tions. 17 Cardiff. tions. The fixtures are against. Cardiff, Lianelli, Swansea, Newport and Wales.

The Christchurch Star said:

With one difference, this is the equivalent of a Welsh team agreeling to play Canterbury, Otago, Auckined and Wellington and then the All Blacks in little more than a week! Tane Norton, a former All Black captain, said: " It's enough to make you cringe."—Reuter.

Roland Bertranne, France's most capped three-quarter with 41 inter-national appearances, is one of national appearances, is one of five newcomers in the Barbarians team to play Leicester in the annual march at Welford Road on December, 27. The other new Barbarians are Mike Luke, Canada's captain, Preston, Burnett and Mallett.

BARBARIANS 'y Leicester', R. M. Boshell 'Hartequan', Leicester', R. M. Boshell 'Hartequan', Remainend, Cardiff, J. Preston, Remainend, Cardiff, T. G. Holme, Cardiff, J. M. Burnett 'Herriot's FP', M. Luke 'St. John's, Canada', I. D. Minne 'Herriot's FP', W. B. Beaumont 'Fyldel', A. J. Martin, Liberarous', J.-P. Richs, Toulouse, N. V. Mallett 'Oxford University', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', J. Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Cardiff', A. J. Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Cardiff', A. J. Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Cardiff', Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Cardiff', Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Cardiff', Martin, Liberarous', J. P. Scott (Cardiff', Liberarous', J. P. Scott

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Cambridge tangle with Bowles to join Forest for £250,000

Stan Bowles, the controversial former England forward, of Queen's Park Rangert, is to join the European champions Nottingham Forest for £250,000. He will meet Brian Clough and Peter Taylor today at the City Ground. The clubs have settled on a fee, and, if Bowles agrees personal terms and passes a medical test, he will make his first appearance at home against Middlesbrough on Saturday.

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The deal was conducted by Tommy Docherty, the managet of Rangers, from his bedside in Stockport Infirmary. Mr Docherty, recovering from injuries received during an attack on Saturday, rejected Mr Clough's initial Mr Clough, anxious to arrest

Burns, a Scottish international, settled down at Nottingham and Mr Clough expects a similar con-tribution from, Bowles, who is 31

Football Correspondent The four teams involved in tonight's Football League Cup fifth

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round replays scored a total of 16 goals on Saturday, sight of them being accumulated by Swin-don Town against Bury. Grimshy Iown, the other Third Division survivors, managed a modest two against Mansfield Town, but they, too, had a confident outlook. Swindon are at home to Arsmal while Grimsby have to play at the First Division residence of Wolverhampton Wanderers. Clear-ly, Swindon have the best chance of broadcasting nooth news of

of broadcasting good news of Third Division standards by reach-ing the semi-final round. They are not allowed to forget that 10 years ago on a pitch as heavy as it will.

Artist turns his

to the noble art

himself again after 11 bouts.

Apart from suspect bands, he also has problems with his face, which tends to cut all too readily and which will be a natural target for the sharp-shooting champlou.

McKenzie, file British light-welter-weight champlon, comfortably out-pointed a substitute, Roger Guest, of Dudley.

McKenzie, who defeated Colin Powers for the British title in September, was made to work hard.

Guest worked busily on the retreat occasionally throwing out

retreat, occasionally throwing out hurtful right hands. In the fifth round a small cut opened on McKenzie's left eyebrow but never

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Boxing

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His sadiful, and unpredictable atyle will certainly add individuality to the Forest team. But, in their present circumstances, it is surprising that the European cham-

Marksmen could put Arsenal's new guard under fire

be rought Swindon bear Arsenal in the League Cup final at Wembley.

Swindon achieved their 1—1 draw at Highbury last week with a goal late in the game but they were not outplayed. Arsenal were without the taleast of Brady, who returned for Saturday's match against Coventry City and could make a significant difference. The FA Cup holders looked much more incisive about the penaity area and it seems likely that Devine and Walford will become regular members of an improved defence. Devine is keeping Rice out of the leagues for the Championship, only four points behind Liverpool, who are the only team definitely the league Cup for the first time. On Saturday's pleasing because it showed that Gray scored two of the goals but goals in the Championship, only four points behind Liverpool, who are the only team definitely the League Cup for the first time. On Saturday Wolyes beat the bottom club in the First Division, goal victory was particularly pleasing because it showed that

England must do without

two leading nations

By Richard Streeton

China and Hungary two of the world's leading table teamis nations, have declined to compete in the international nournament, sponsored by Norwich Union, at Brighton from January 10 to 12. Their absence from the most important event on the English calendar maintains an unfortunate wend in recent years because this fournament used to hold the

had stored 70 goals in 250 League games at Lotus Road, joined Rangers from Cachise United for \$110,000 in September, 1972.
Previously be was with Manchester City, Bury and Crewe, Bir Docherty's arrival at Lotus Road at the end of last season soon saw Bowles on the transfer list. The past two seasons have seen to exceed division, and they were not prepared to meet the asking price.

Bowles returned to the side and has played a significant part in helping them challenge for promotion to the first division. His tanse when he walked out on the party rather than fly to Scottand. Three years later be won a remporary recall.

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the third was an own goal, so Grimsby need not feel particularly concerned.

Tonight the Wolves will probably be weakened by the absence of Daniel, who was hurr on Saturday and is likely to be replaced by Brazier, who has been substitute for 18 matches. There was a slight doubt about the fitness of Grimsby's leading scorer, Cumming, but he should return.

Squash rackets

Miss Cogswell is too tidy for lively rival

Smith's six winners went in the same direction. But the nature of Miss Smith's assault became a Brile predictable. Throughout the match, Miss Cogswell showed sharper anticipation: partly because Miss Smith was the less versatile

ortifing final last evening. In both the second and finite games, coinsiderally, Miss Smith-led 8—4 and had three game balls. She certainly had her chances.

Miss Cogswell hit outright winners on five of those six critical points. In each crisis desperation happined her to produce a stream of bold, yet perfectly measured to lose her sense of direction, as if more at ease in eachieving authority than in exercising it. She played her best squash when it mattered least. Miss Cogswell did the opposite.

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Why Ireland owes a debt to Miss McKenna

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Langer maintained a strong lead in the standings, Behind him is Pinero, Jackiin's victory was bis first on the two nourament tour. Earlier this weer he won

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Jackiin had a final round of 19 here. Manuel Pibero of Spain, was second with 278. Followed by Bernhard Langer of West Germany, oh 231, Victor Permanter, of Argentina; on 284. Sponsored by Pretty Polly, when prize money will be fit,000, an increase of 65,000 on this year. Most tournaments will be played in England but there are lead in the standings. Behind him is Pibero. Jackiin's victory was his first on the five tournament in France at the beginning and end of the season, the St. Tropes tournament from April 22 to 25, and the WPGA European championship at Valbonne from October 22 to 25, both of which are worth £10,000.

Russians end two decades of Japanese supremacy

Fort Worth, Teras, Dec 10.—
The Soviet Union had a runaway success at the world gymnastics champiouships, whining twice as many medis's as the United States, their closest rivels, in a competition marred by filmess. The Japanesse were toppied from their position of supremary in the men's team champiouship, a position which they have held for the last 20 years. Alexandrer Ditiatin and Nelli Kim won the individual men's and women's events and the Russians won 16 medis.

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The Romanians telt the saddest loss when Nadia Comanect, the start of the Montreat Olympic Gaines, was raken into hospital for an operation on an abscess in her left hand. Although Miss Comanect's cuath said on Friday she would definitely be in next summer's Olympics in Moscow, her operation on Saturday and the painful tissue inflamation, from which she is still suffering, must put her competitive future in doubt. She was released from hospital today.

Even without Miss Comanect, Romania wrested the women's team tifle from the Soviet Union. But they were often displeased with the judges' scuring. Their coach, Beia Karoby, who registered in compelition, said: "It's a real pity that the Chinese were scored so much below their level of performance."

Even so, the Chinese women finished fourth and their men lifth earning both teams a place in Moscow next year. The American men sales showed much improvement at these champion and a lean time, collecting only one medal.

Despite her victors in the individual women's championship Miss finding and the emphasis placed in Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics." The emphasis placed on Scrobetics. "The emphasis placed on Scrobetics."

now so much on acrobatics that beauty and grace are lost ", she said last night.

"This is women's symmastics and we really should separate children from women's symmastics and we really should separate children from women's symmastics ", she added. "Girls of 17 and 18 do everything possible to look 12 and 13. What is one to do?"—Renter.

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Champions if Wembley Two of the Sovier Union's new world thampions Ness Kim and Alexandra Didatia, are expected to take part in al international event sponsored by Coca Cola at Wembley on Thursday and Friday, fresh town their admirbs in Fort Worth, Texas, the Press Association reports, Marcia Frederick is selected for the American team

In contrast to Charlie Magri, who won the British flyweight title after a three-month career. Dave Proud, of Penge, has waited ten years for his chance to win a championship.

At Bletchley Leisure Centre tonight the long-serving Proud challenger Pat Thomas, of Cardiff, for the British light-middleweight title. It is a voluntary defence by the Weishman; and although it is not intended as such, it is also a tribute to Proud, who has been a credit to this bard business for longer than he cares to remember.

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Only 11 countries will be represented in the ream event compared with 15 last year. Among the leading ranked Envoyees only three men in the tour own of wall be recent and only two

the sharp-shooting champlou.

Given good hands and more durable skin. Proud might have had a fine chance tonight. As it is, the odds are heavily in Thomas's favour.

French revenge: Sylvain Watbled, a French light heavyweight, scored a revenge victory when he outpointed Britain's Bonny Johnson over 10 rounds at the Winter-Chrus Stadium in Paris last night. I welve mouths ago Johnson knocked out the 25-year-old Freechman in ix rounds.

At the National Sporting Club in the Cafe Royal, Clinton McKenzie, the British light-welter-weight champlon, comfortably out-

instead of every 12 mounts. It now seems that several European countries have imposed their own boycott on the English event. Nor is the early date leteal for several countries where that time of the season is accepted as a quiet period for the representative game.

Chins were anxious to link a visit, to England with another European tournament in order to make their long journey worthwile but there was no other suitable competition for them to enter. With a free weekend usually available between the Welsh and West German, championships in February, in future the English Table Tenuls Association may have to consider changing their traditional date.

Milan Orlowski, of Czechoslovakia, and Desmond Douglas of England are seeded to meet in the men's singles final. A doubt exists whether Orlowski will play

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A lot of ice has gone under the bridge since George Smart won 100 years ago

It was quicker by skateblade than by rail

By Dennis Bird

"The Committee of Management of the National Skating Association beg to announce that the First Rate for the Skating Championship of England will take place, should the frost continue, on Monday, December 8, 1879, on the River at Thorney, near the Railway, course one mile and a hait."

Railway, course one mile and a halt."

That notice, posted up all over the Fen country, proclaimed the first nationally-organized shating contest in Britain, and for the past 12 months the NSA have been celebrating the centenary of their foundation with galas, dinners, and a published history.

It was not the first skading organization in this country, that distinction belongs to the now-defunct Edinburgh Skating Club, formed about 1744 by Scottish lawyers and landowners; it was an exclusive social club for figure-skading, not speed, and would-be members had to pass a curious test. They were required to skate a circle on each foot, and then jump over three hats. "each on top of the other"—a test perhaps designed more to exclude unwained members than to gauge their skill.

Reitish speed skating began

British speed skating began about the same time, on the rivers about the same time, in the read-and meres of Cambridgeshure and Uncoinshire. The first recorded contest was a race from Wisbech to Whittlesea in 1763. Over the next century. Fen speed-skatting became enormously popular.

For many years skating was
the fastest means of travel, but
when the railways came someone
inevitably questioned whether a
skater was faster than a train. A
bor was laid and a contest ber was laid and a contest arranged near Lintleport, where

the railway ran alongside the river. Once for four miles. Train and skater started off together; then the rain crossed the river by a bridge—and the skater noticed something strange about the kee. Clinkers and ash had been scattered to slow hits down, showelled out by the fireman at the train passed above. Aided by a following wind, the skater neverthelets managed to reach the winning-post half a minute ahead of the unscrapalous train crew.

A local journalist, James Drake A local journalist, James Drake Dighy, reported ite racing for the Cambridge Independent Press, He wanted to eliminate the wide-spread cheating, and he also felt that some of the Fen skaters deserved wider recognition. A particularly hard frost enabled a normable contest to be held at Mepul in December, 1878, fearning two generations of the well-known Smart and See families. In the final, George Smart easily beat his cousin George Smart easily beat his cousin George See, and J. D. Digby was determined that Smart's prowess, should be rewarded. On February 1, 1879, he held a meeting at the Gluidhall, Cambridge, which led to the formation of the NSA, a national controlling body which could enforce standards and organize proper championships. A local journalist, James Drake which could enforce standards and organize proper champiouships. So the NSA came into being, with three lords lieutenant as their president and J. D. Digby as general secretary for most of the next 20 years. The first champiouship, for professionals competing for £10, 2d a pair of skenes, was won on December 8 by George Smart: The first amageur champion of England was Frederick Norman, a farmer's son, who woo his title on January 26, 1830, at the Welsh Harp, Hendon.

Figure skating was brought

present at the centeury gala at Wembley.
There were three important developments is the 1890s. In 1893 the NSA assumed responsibility for roller skating; in the following year they moved their headquarters to London, leaving a Pen centre committee in Cambridge to run outdoor skating; and in 1898 Edgar Syers (then Joint general secretary) persuaded the association to hold the world men's figure skating championship in the new, more athletic international style. Hitherto, all British figure skating had been conducted in the formal, dignified English style, without jumps, spins, or music. The championships were held at the National Stating Palace in Argyll Street—the same building now known as the London Palladium, where John Carry in 1978 presented his Theatre of Skating.

and the "father of English figure sleating". Henry Engene Vandervell, devised three graded tests—brouze, silver and gold—to encourage beginners. The indiging of tests and award of medish bas ever since been one of the NSA's most popular functions in all branches of sleating.

Inst before Christmas, 1881, the Prince of Wales consented to become patron. He continued his patronage as King Edward VII.

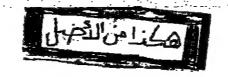
Sand in 1905 presented the Challenge Cap which has ever since been the prize for the amareur outdoor speed-skating championship for women. Mrs. Spers won in 1906 and 1907, and the lenge Cap which has ever since been the prize for the amareur outdoor speed-skating championship for women. Mrs. Spers won in 1906 and 1907, and trowned her career by becoming the first women's Olympic stating champion to 1908.

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John Curry (1976) won Olympic
gold medals as well as European
and world titles. Certifia Collection,
Megan Taylor, Graham Sharp,
John and Jenny Nicks, and no
less than nine ice dancers have
all been world champions, and in
1951 John Croashey was runner-up
for the world speed-skating title
—a fine result for a country where
matural ice cannot be relied upon.

Under its president, Leomard C.
Seagrave, the NSA now administers ice and roller skating in all
its forms except hockey, supervises Government-aded concibing
schemes, negotiales sponsorship
arrangements and nelevision fees,
and solvies local authorities and
other potential rink operators—
tasks unheard of in 1879 which J.

D. Digby held his first meeting
and George Smart won the first
authorial championship:

Bjorn Borg appeals to a higher authority in Montreal. Obviously he was heard as he beat Jimmy Connors—for the sixth successive time _6_4, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to win the WCT Challenge Cup.



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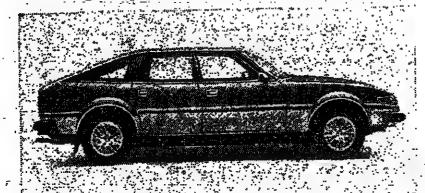
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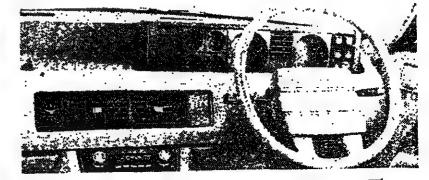
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Making the European dream come true

Dear Mrs Thatcher:

As a European, and an anglo-phile Italian, I watched your performance on "Britain's own billion" with a mixture of ad-miration and despair: the same sentiments which many of us in Europe fek—please take it as a tramplement—when take it as a complimentwatching President de Gaulle

Some papers reported that you yourself defined your tactics at the Dubbin Summit as feminine nagging": we all know by experience that it know by experience that it often produces results, and I see no harm in that. A great historical precedent of successful political nagging comes to one's mind: Cato's Delenda Carthage. We all know that Carthage was destroyed and certainly trust that your real nagging message to Europe nagging message to Europe well not be "Delenda Europa". but "Construenda Europa". I for one believe that Britain and her Prime Minister have a fundamental role to play in such an enterprise.

But it is not of tectics that I think one ought to talk. Tactics will be judged in the end debate you might not have been listened to. I do not doubt that your feminine and political intuition (could they be the same thing?) will tell you when to substitute nagging with sweeter accents. If the with sweeter accents, it the nagging got you £350m, the courting of your partners might produce as much. You should have no difficulty in neople as a victory.

But the whole episode, and the reactions to it by the average Englishmen, show that you should then exert your dialectic powers in trying to make your own people under-stand, better than they do, that there is much more in the European Community than a simple yearly account of budgetary profits and losses.

Let me tell you the muth: e "Continentals" have been

all the new fanaticisms

which have come to intest our world in the past decade or two (as if we didn't have enough of the old-established

verieties), one of the nastics is the spirit which animates

ect before, and would not have

hought to do so again, had it nor been for two developments : one is a considerable growth in

sup-smoking fanaticism, and the other is a particular appli-cation of it. viz. the pressure now being applied on the Queen to persuade her to withdraw the royal warrant for the cigar-etter used in the postal buste.

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this money-quarrel has aroused in Britain. "Your" attitudes to Europe seem to remain different from: "ours.". We Continentals feel deep downso deeply that we do not even have to prove it-that Europe is good: this is a postulate in our view of the world. Starting from it we can then quarrel about fish and lamb and money, and our quarrels are often mean and selfish. But whatever happens, whether we win or lose, our artitude to Europe does not change. We do not feel that Europe is jus-tified if and when we win, and

The British attitude is the opposite. Many British are still not instinctively convinced that Europe is good. On the con-trary they "feel in their ones" (as one of your illus-"they do not belong to Europe." So, in order to justify baving joined Europe, they must show a sound monetary proof that they can get out of it at least as much as they put

must be rejected if and when

We Continentals, having all of us lost too many wars (Britain never did) and feeling very feeble and small in this troubled world of giants, either we stand together, or we either we stand together, or we shall not be able to stay free and independent. The European Community, the European Monetary System, even the common agricultural policy are just means to a clearly political end—let us admit it—which is the unity of Europe:

in order to stay free.
In this we believe, with feelines that are sometimes irrathat we become angry when the British seem unable to recognize what to us appears like a revealed, self-evident truth. These British unbelievers, busy with calculating monetary profits and losses, threaten a

werrant from the meantac-turers of cigarentes I do not know, and the point is clearly

moot. But even if there is no such power, it seems that the Department of Health, Mr Patrick Jenkin up, is nagging away at the officials in the

primed to put down a question on the business, and "regret" can be expressed by Mr Jenkin. A little of that, and the Queen, will no doubt feel that continuing the warrants is bringing

her into an area of political controversy, and will quietly arrange for them to be with-drawn. And enother little bit of liberty will have vanished down the plug-bole of the Namy State. Of course, what the Queen quarter to do and if

the Queen ought to do and, we she is the sensible woman she

iske to do, is to tell Mr Jenkir that if he were to put his head

that if he were to put his head in a large successan with some one of people in a large successan with some beef stock, a handful of coarse beef stock, a couple of beginning to a likewise, then put a lid on it and simple to a likewise, then put a lid on it and simple to a likewise. The coarse beef stock, a couple of beginning to a likewise, then put a lid on it and simple to a likewise. The coarse beef stock, a couple of beginning to a likewise, then put a lid on it and simple to a likewise. The coarse beef stock, a handful of coarse be

The experience is

unforgettable.

Just remember

the name.

If the nagging got you £350m, the courting of your partners might produce as much 9



the existence of Europe. We cannot of course change the past: Britaiu's historical experience will never provide the instinctive proof of the necessity to create a united Europe. Nor can the present help. The idea that Britain had to join the Community because it was "felling penning (which was the main reason for joining), remains to this argument. It

once you have joined: if you do still keep falling behind, that must be the fault of the This is non

and it remains important that you should persuade the Bri-tish that "your own billion pounds" has nothing to do

ing 2 better global strategy for Europe's future. The unfairthe gathering of corrected by toying with "the mechanisms", and will be put right in time by structural changes in trade patterns. But the unfairness in the distribution of resources can only be put right if one pleads for jus-tice from a European, rather than from a national point of view. This part of your claim leads to a demand for a radical of expenditure, there fore of Europe's institucional

is—as it is—"convergence", you ought to ask for far more than that palers than that pakery one billion pounds which would produce a "broad balance" in budgetary terms. You should demand intead a great development plan for Europe, which would of transfers of resources: as it would happen in a "real" country That is how it should be according to Pesprit communicate. That is what you

But much more can come out of such a "European" approach to your budgetary problem. In asking the Community to adopt a new vision of its tasks and aims—an updated vision, which cannot consider agriculture, as it was thought two decades ago, as the most important common encerprise of the European peoples—you would also have to propose a new order of priorwises.

energy supplies. Is that fea-sible? Many experts are con-vinced that it is: I hope you have found time to read the wonderful, provocative essay by Dr Nigel Lucas of Imperial College, London, in the latest issue of Europa, showing how a "utopian". Europe an plan for energy could have permit ted us to become, all together, net exporters of oil by 1990 ! Certainly, all experts agree that no single European nation can achieve self-sufficiency, or develop its energy resources, by itself: not even Britain, alchough at is richer in oil and coal than all the others.

As Prime Minister of Britain As Prime Minister of Pittam, and as a estatesman with scientific training, you could, Mrs Thatther, Igunch a great "Project Independence", a master plan aimed at permitting the European Nations to achieve self-sufficiency in energy within a certain period. If 1990 is too near even for such a as if it were, in another mil-lennium, why not suggest a 15-year span leading us to 1995?

This plan would not just marry the English to Europe: it would mobilize such portentous amounts of capital in the new energy-savcaptat in the new energy-sav-ing and energy-producing in-dustries (lots of a in Britain) that it should start a new gold-en age of economic growth, such as we witnessed in the fabulous lifties and sixties.

The Americans succeeded in their moon project. Why should we Europeans not suc-ceed in a "Project Independ-ence"? Let us put together our hopes and our future, not just our past and our frustra-tions. Take the lead, Mrs Thatcher, and you will be fol-lowed, in an enterprise which

Arrigo Levi

That is what I mean by farancism, and who shall say that a less strong word would be more appropriate? It is worth remarking that his Preud himself appeared decidedly uncomfortable, before the pro-





A merry Tory Christmas or a by-election rebuff?

Re-plantions can be the signpost to U-turns or the nearest the British get to a political execution. Hernfordshire South execution. Hertfordshire South West, where voting takes place on Thursday, is neither of these: the Government is not yet far enough into the marsh-land in its flight from the post-

Those warmed by the ideo-logical heat of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's first few mouths in office would dismiss such thoughts so premature defeat-ist pragmatism, but their wellspring is empiricism. The going gets rough at the polls after a year to 18 months when voters at by-elections

only once since the war that can anything like its full. Parliamentary distance, that can look history in the face and say it never lost one of its labour bases in he labour bases.

0,000 in Corpencers Park and

South Oxiey. In between there are the ambitious and entreprenucial lower and middle classes who lower and middle classes who face moregage increases (about 60 per cent are owner occupiers) and commune to London (over 10 per cent) and Watfood. How they will were or equally, if they were at all, will decide how far the Tory support will alump.

The time element does not

The time element does not make South-west Herriordshire make South-west Heritordshirs another Otpington, where Erit Lubbock 'mow Lord Avebury' in 1962 turned a Conservative majority of 15,000 into a Liberal majority of nearly 8,000. Demographically, the constituency probably bears more relation to Sunton and Cheam when, in 1972, the Liberal's scored mother triumon by capturing the bluetriumph by capturing the blue-chap sear from the Toties when Mr Heath was Prime Minister. Graves, P. (Nat Pr In both instances there had C majority

Conservative candidate in South-west Hertfordshire, buin self no newcomer to by elec-tion, triumphs—he took the

fanuary, when ever come into force, and the same applies to likely large-scale increases in transport faces. No one is as

support to increase the Liberal

is going to happen in the comcould produce a totally different set of circumstances. That will be the real test of

cherism.

But Mrs. Thatcher and her like-minded ministers, could like the ministers, could war. Instory on its head. Despite the deepening economic crisis, the policies may be seen to be working and the Government winning through. In that source the may not In that event, she may not experience the misery of a hy-election rebuilt. The Government of non-intervention could cap the Attlee Government of

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Michael Hatfield. GENERAL, ELECTION

Dodsworth, G. H. (C) 33,112

Colman, A. J. (Lab) 16,784

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Bernard Levin

Puff on, it's not only your health that is at stake

then cure out to be of some true, which is far from being the case at the moment.

Is there not a dreadfully contemporary tragedy in the fact that the Quaen buys chair products and offers them to her guests. Did you ever hear of that the head of the antition is called ASH, for Action on Smoking and Health) is the man who used to be the head of the British section of Amnesty International? Have all those years of admirable work on behalf of the oppressed and persecuted taught him nothing about the indivisibility of freeindeed so little about freedom in any sense that he has still not realized the Cru-cial importance of the freedom

Little did I realize that when, less than a formight ago, I quoted Mr Gai Eaton's obser-vation that "There is a morality which insists that men's ...
mkles be techered because some might want to walk into trouble " I would so soon have so neat an illustration of the attitude he was condemning in that striking phrase. Because smoking is harmful to smokers, the interfering busybodies who

want to stop other people doing that which they wish to do have gone to the simos: incred-ible lengths of putting pressure on the royal family to withdraw follow? Or, to put it another way, did you ever hear of authoritarianism dressed in such eil-enveloping and unlovely folds of imming?

But even that is not the worst, because I began this column by pointing out that it was provoked not only by the hudicrous story of the toyel warrants but also (end more significantly) by the general increase in the implemence and fanaticism of the emi-smokers. follow? Or, to put it another

increase in the intolerance and fanaticism of the anni-smokers. And here I have a little personal testimony to offer. A few weeks ago, I took part in the radio programme "You, the Jury ". The motion before the Jury was "That smoking should be benned in public places" and for the representations. places", and for the purpose of the debate "public places" were defined as "enclosed places to which the public is admitted", and "banned" as "banned by law". The motion was promoted by Mr Clement

Stassinopoulos, winner two witnesses were an equally distinguished doctor, to point out that the smoking of smokers does not herm non-smokers (a view, incidentally, which was accepted by the other side's doctor), and the figures of considerable interest. In the vote before the debeta, the jumy voted 45 in favour of the ban, 33 against, and 22 abstentions; in the debate at the end, after the arguments, they were

practically all those who had shatahad at fast had come down against the ban after hearing both sides.

It will, of course, be concluded that the fabled beauty and charm of Miss Stassino-poulos, combined with my moless celebrated forcefulness and eloquence, had carried the day. No doubt we helped; but my view was and is that it was the exposure of the fanaticism of exposure of the fanaticism of the other side that woke up the jury to the fact that there was something of vival importance in the argument, and that that something was liberty itself.

Lord Soper's argument was so devoid of anything that could be described as Christian charity, and infused with soch intense authoritarianism, that be alone would have damaged their argument beyond repair but the banners case wa nailed into its coffin when their doctor, asked what should happen to those who broke the no-smoking ordinance and then

were, on the whole, the most unpleasent I have ever got in commexion with anything I have written. The time was of generally notelliberian intolerance; there was no understanding, or attempt at understanding, of the amoking addict's needs or the casual amoker's wishes, there was no smoker's wishes, there was no recognizion that unpleasant tables which harm only those who practise them should be tolerated in the interests of all (since few of us are without some habit that others might object to), above all there was needs a massive decrease, not I do not smoke; I do not like being smoked at; I am convinced that heavy smoking is dangerous to the health of

is dangerous to the health of the amoker. But I believe in liberty, and it behoves all those who believe likewise, whether nize what is at stake in this argument, and to oppose any further encroachments on our liberty by people who profess to be encroaching on it for our own good, but aren't.

LONDON DIARY

Unfortunate 10 who could be

in a stew Between them. the Ministry of

Agriculture and the Greater London Council are in the process of spending rather more than £650m in barriers and bank-raising to ensure that London and its environs are safe from the perils of flooding. This expensive, prolonged but nonenheless wholly admirable, indeed recessory project will give protection to every house in London—with the exception

of 10.

The 10 unfortunate householders live on Bel Pie Island,
the only inhabited island in
the Illiames, which lies 20
yards off the coast of Twickenham and is connected to it by
a footbridge. The island has a
dense propulation of 120 and is dense population of 120, and is low-lying, its central massif is-ing to little more than 18 feet; it is heavily industrialized, with three boatyards, two boat chubs, besides its 47 houses. On two occasions last year the 10 lowest-lying homes were flooded and the well-organized

residents' association fears a regular repetition, even after the Thames barrier is com-pleted and working in 1982. Last year, even a development of new houses on a high part of the island where once stood the island's familiar landmark, a large ramshackle wooden hotel, had the Themes lapping

nearby, with an equivalent flooding danger, are getting full protection while they are left at the mercy of the elements. And they fear that the more the Thames is channeled by bank raising work, the more it is likely to rise around their ankles.

The GLC's two engineers have recommended that the 10 houses should receive individual protection, but the Council's public services and safety committee, which controls the purse strings, has overruled them on three occasions, the last three weeks ago.

Is the GLC in danger of spoiling the whole flood defence ship for a ha porth of retaining walls? They admit that it would cost only £84,000 to give Eel Pie Island the protection it wants. Councillor Stanley Bolton, chairman of the relevant committee which would it down yet again by voted it down yet again by eight to two (Bokon himself abstaining), told me his members feared all 47 houses on the island clamouring for defences if the 10 at greatest He also thought they were

not inclined to overturn a decision made by the committee on two past occasions. Jack Heath, chairman of the residents' association, who wisely lives 16 feet up in the Eal Pie Highlands, said: "We

cost is so insignificant." The residents are taking the islanders are aggreted that houses on the mainland are still affoat by then.

just cannot understand it; the

Can angone explain to me who there is what appears to be a lighthouse on top of the corner building directly outside King's Cross station? If it was put there to guide the Newcastle trains safely into part it is failing in its purpose, as I have not seen it lit these past 10 years. Which may explain the occasional shortcoming in the

Trendiness in the garden

With no Jubilee until 2002 at the earliest, no convenient novocentements and no noteworthy birthdays to celebrate. London is without an obvious somphox on which to sell itself to next summer's tourists. Which is inconvenient to say the least, at a time when the dollar is being pushed around the world in a wheelchair.

The best that can be found in the way of impending excite-ment in the capital is the opening of the old central marker hall at Covent Garden as a covered shopping precinct, and the adjacent flower market as the new home of London Transport's fine collection of historic vehicles of rail and The Central Market is more

of a gamble. Architecturally it of a gamble. Archatecturally it sciously trendy, and develop nero aware, I wonder, or me is a gent, built in 1830, and its into that worst tourist attraction wholesale stanging of her animals currently, going on in happily retained and restored by the GLC. All 35 of the first available batch of shop units ing graces. All the shops will low deer have been mown. is a gent, built in 1830, and its later arched glass roof of 1880 happily retained and restored by the GLC. All 35 of the first



have been let, and it is the GLC's intention that it should become London's equivalent of the Left Bank of Paris as it WAS ITEMY YEARS IRO.

But, judging by those shops which have been granted the first renancies, there is a danger that the whole thing could become just too self-con. Is the owner of the Royal Deer sciously trendy, and develop. Herd aware, I wonder, of the into that worst tourist aware, wholesale slaughter of her ani-

be obliged to remain open until eight, and it will be well provided with both restaurant and houses of liquid refreshment, at least one of which will sell Courage Directors' Bitter. Already the street outside has been paved and turned into a plazza in from of St. Paul's Church, while the marker inself will be open in May. I predict that one of the few real delights of the scheme will be the theatre museum being established in the result is entensive works which have completely closed the result is entensive works which have completely closed the result is entensive works which have completely closed the result is entensive works which have completely closed the result is entensive will not be finished that basement tenant of this lane.

To avoid the need for a long page is the noise from the lettor by the Kingston bypass. The only drawback to being the basement tenant of first page is the noise from the chap living above, playing German opera londly on his gramophone, and chiselling his subtimetizes a stone for the

unfair to grannies.

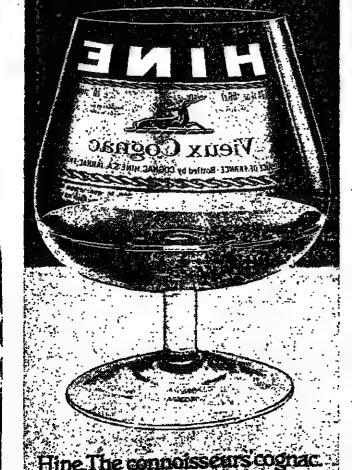
tetour by the Kingston bypass, the park is being kept open for light traffic traffi midnight through the Richmond Kingston and Ram gazes. There is, the course on traffic lighting in subjunctives at three in the ston and Ham gates. There is morning.

I cannot hope to furnish this the park, and a is after dark humble squat in such beroque there most accidents occur, britactical elegance, but I have just acquired a brand new word which is such a vulgarly word which is such a vulgarly trasteless ornament that I shall put it on the sideboard as a warning. Task Force, a pressure group working on behalf of pensioners, reas me that the Government's new samingstation rules are not only racist, but ageing the means, I gather, unfair to grannies. naturally reluctant to close the park at sunset as before, because of the congestion that

A hanging because of the congestion that
would enemably result.

Mountains themselves have
shown little sympathy for the
animals place; the Royal
Rad aware, I wonder, of the Parks Police have bad 23 compheints of personal injury to drivers, and 71 reports of damaged vehicles.

Alan Hamilton







The future of democracy in Greece depends on one man.

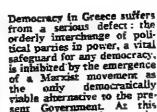
Mario Modiano discusses the options

facing the Prime Minister and the country as it moves towards

membership of the European Community. In a second article he examines the

long-standing dispute with Turkey and the cloud it casts over Greece's full integration into the Western community

Mr Karamanlis holds the key



to prop a Chilean-style coup to stop a Greek Allende from rising to power, just as a handful of army colonels did in 1967 to prevent Mr Papan dreou's father from wirming

Seven years after the 1967

change.
Originally Mr Karamanlis had set himself three targets: to make Greece the tenth member of the Eurofull parliamentary ratifica-

tion.
The second target is being held up by Turkish objections. Mr Karamanlis is not unduly concerned. "It is Now that is in a hurry to Nato that is in a hurry to get us back in ", he observes, "not I". As for American evaluation that amounted to logistical sup-American evaluation that amounted to logistical sup-turned in the West than hat our powr. But the Americans and set us back in hat is in a hurry to finiportant to the West than hat our powr convinced that is in a hurry to set us back in hat is in a hurry to set us back in hat has back in hat has back in hat has back in hat has serves, "not I". As for the use of the settlement of difference with Turkey, "this does not have advocate that the changes in been mended to a satisfacthe settlement of differences with Turkey, "this does not he says. So he has dropped in Western mands there is it from his list of priorities no doubt that Mr Karaman- before he considers that his

Karamanlis will have to make

Democracy in Greece suffers from a serious defect: the the country and as most of a market in posterior and as most of a market in posterior and as most of a market in moment. Therefore, the found of a market movement o

Mistrust of Turkey central to foreign policy

Aegean in accordance with The Greeks are aware that international treaties, were operational arrangements combined with statements that transcend national

international air corridors withdrawal, the Athens Govbetween the two countries. erament promptly requested
This was followed by a to rejoin military Nato under
demand for a fifty-fifty division of the potentially oil.
Turkey, however, is
rich Aegean continental threatening to veto reentry
shelf. The claim, seen as an unless Greece agrees to share
attempt to challenge the with it the operational juris
rights of the Greek islands, diction of Nato in the
often brought the two coun. Aegean, which until 1974 had
tries to the brink of conflict.
Turkish demands for the Nato's military leaders to
demilitarization of the Greek devise a compromise have so
islands of the eastern far failed.
Aegean in accordance with The Greeks are aware that

combined with statements that transcend national challenging Greek sover-boundaries are not rare in eignty. The Greeks cannot Nato. But they fear that if forget, for instance, that Mr Demirel, the Turkish Prime Command and control of the Minister once said. Top's Assen Turker and the command and control of the Minister, once said: "Don't Aegean, Turkey would treat

is trying hard enough to curb trying hard enough to curb try a time when the Turks rely at time when the Turks rely

a time when the Turks rely on the West for massive infusions of economic aid. The busk of this resent-ment, of course falls on the United States, not only because, in the mind of the average Greek, Nato and the Americans are one, but also because the United States rather clumeity associated rather clumsily associated itself with Nato compromise proposals that were rejected by the Greeks as infringing

American evaluation that advocate that the changes in Iran make it even more tory degree.

than two years ago, which are at the root american military bases in putes which are at the root and second resultance of these problems can be solved either by arbitration authorizing the Voice of an agreement authorizing the Voice of Turks reject arbitration. The America to operate two Turks reject arbitration. The Greeks would agree to open anity on January 1 1931, then into on January 1 1931, then into one of the could wait until Greece and the could wait until Greece a authorizing the Voice of or by negotiation. The America to operate two Turks reject arbitration. The relay stations in Greece, Greeks would agree to open the serious talks only if the lington was warned in no threat of force—real, important terms that if plied or imaginary—could inferime, the Europeanization of a lifetime, the Europeanization of Greece did not return into the eliminated in the relation of Greece. bases tionship between Greece and the alliance, the would have to go.

spected this position and although they agreed to step up economic and political cooperation with Greece in a variety of ways, they did nothing that could have even remotely displeased Turkey, for reasons comparable to those that prompt American restraint in anything that could upset the Turks. A Greek-Soviet deal con-

cerning the repair of Rus-sian Navy supply vessels in Greek shipyards caused some Western eyebrows to be raised, since it made their national sovereignty.

What the Greeks also try to give the Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean what

east Europe, hence the need lis wants to keep his country duty to the country has been to reintegrate Greece. They firmly within the Western insist that Turkey is weak community. Membership in Mr Karamanlis is known

east Europe, hence the need its wants to keep he Western to reintegrate Greece. They firmly within the Western insist that Turkey is weak community. Membership in the EEC, which is round the ened by the loss of section corner, will reinforce this graphical contact with corner, will reinforce this tion to become President of the republic—the highest office in a country that he office in a cou To press their annoyance consolidate it by weiding has served well for 45 years. The Greeks have Greece to Nato again. If home, the Greeks have Greece to Nato again. If how their bilateral relations with the United States, holding in abeyance first forcement of the anti-holding in abeyance first forcement of the anti Defence Cooperation Western opposition was a Defence Cooperation western opposition when the only parliamentary Agreement initialled more the only parliamentary than two years ago, which alternative to Karamanlis. The Greek-Turkish distance the status of the Greek-Turkish distance t

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pean Community; to reintegrate Greece in Nato; and to solve the Greek-Turkish disputes. His first objective will be accomplished soon when the Treaty of Accession obtains.

vinced that his services as

Your first attempt at sign language and this is your reward.



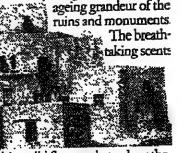
YOU'RE only twenty minutes out of town and heading for the beach when the road, contradicting. the map, stops.

After some tentarive sign language with the passing stranger you're directed down a steep and most unlikely-looking track.

Five very bumpy minutes later you emerge from the dense cover of the olive groves to find yourself unexpectedly on a wide-open and magically-deserted beach.

But then Greece and her islands is a country full of the unexpected;

of contrasts and contradictions. Like the appealing simplicity of the country villages set against the ageing grandeur of the ruins and monuments.



of the wild flowers that colour the seasons twelve months a year; the midwinter wisteria, anemones and periwinkle making way for the sand lilies, delphiniums and golden thistle of summer.

And then the people. One moment docile and relaxer the next exploding into one of those typically Greek family "exchanges" that sound so threaten ing but mean so little.

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This Department will be responsible for the adaptation of Greek labour policies to conform with E.E.C. policies on the subject of manpower and is, therefore, playing a major role in the social and economic life of Greece.

OAED's main task, thus, is to barmonize Greek labour laws with the rules and regulations, as stipulated by the agreements for Greece's admission to the European Community.

Although OAED's programme encompasses four main activities, i.e., career planning, technical or professional education, placement of labour and provision of social security benefits, it intends to concentrate on the development of professional education in order to reach and comply with the standards set by E.E.C.

Technical Education education is taking education is taking precedence. This can be seen through the operational expenditure of State funds spent in the last two years: in addition to the 516 million drachmas spent in 1578 (as opposed to 440 million drachmas in 1977). a further 380 million drachmas was contridrachmas was contri-buted by the State in 1978.



Compensatory Education

This retraining and education is not only free but it is a compensated programme as

Well.

All the individuals admitted to their programme receive an allowance and are given medical insurance at no cost.

Technical education is divided into two branches: the one of apprenticeship and the one of adult professional counselling. The former is directed toward male and female youths between the ages of 14-18 years, and the duration of it lasts between 2 and 4 years, depending on the specialization. The latter branch is directed toward adult males and formules and includes.

one of adult professional courseling centres, and the duration of it lasts between 2 and 4 years, depending on the specialization. The latter branch is directed toward adult males and females and includes:

—The speedy professional education of adult unemployed individuals (18-50 years);

—The retraining of working individuals (17-55 years);

—The professional education of lower personnel in the tourist professions;

—The education of industrial officers.

The educational task of OAED, which includes the total of the labour force of the country, is served by a group of educational units and domiciled in boarding houses that country, is served by a group of educational units and domiciled in boarding houses that centres and schools in which 10,000 students—boys and girls—study. These apprendiceships centres and schools in which 10,000 students—boys and girls—study. These apprendiceships are facilitated by 19 boarding houses, most of which are located in big cities, where the students receive food and board at no cost.

In addition, professional counselling centres, as well as a model centre in Athens, have been established to scientifically assist professional adults into new fields.

In general terms, the education of the work force is of prime importance in adjusting the nation's compatibility to tomorrow's communal life within the E.E.C. and has been recognized by OAED as its most important function.

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GREECE

John F. Crossland races the origins of the Macedonian question in the light of Mr Karamanlis's interest in reaching form of entente between the Balkan nations

The last minute substitution of a less contentious subject for the politically highlycharged award winner, Black Seed, in the recent festival of Macedonian films at the of Macedonian films at the National Film Theatre served as a reminder that the age-old Macedonian question is not safely buried in modern European history texts but is a live issue. The longer it remains unresolved, many remains unresolved, many

historic racial and cultural The upheavels caused by

the decline and dismember-ment of the European Ottoman Empire led directly to uthe Macedonian question: *
how were the nationalistic aspirations of such a racially mixed area as the Balkans to Balken wers and kept the chancelleries of Europe on tenterhooks until the power rivelries of the area were subsumed into the larger conflict of the First World

The result of that war was to redraw the map of the Balkans, based broadly on ethnic groupings and conwars. Greace had liberated its separated northern lands from the Turks in 1912 and it consolidated this rich agricul-tural region with fresh blood. A great exchange of priced. A great exchange of population ensured the cultural unity of Macedonia, both Greek and Bulgarian. A quarter of a million Greeks left Bulgaria and 60,000 Bulgarians went in the opposite direction.

From the time of Philip of Macedon, nearly 2,500 years ago, there has never been the slightest doubt in a Greek state in antiquity ing University, explains when it fell, Hellenis remained in the blood and

which has racked the the Greek economy consider-Balkans since classical times able advantages and opportu-

Long search to end racial discord



the present tensions. It all comes down to irredentism: the call for reunification with racial brothers, real or ima-

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neous explosion in this hismorically highly unstable and
now politically sensitive part
of Europe.

No one is more convinced
of this than Mr Karamanlis
and over the past four years
he has consistently tried to
establish a firm basis for cooperation between the Balkan
states, seeking what unites
them rather than harping on
historic racial and cultural

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the continuous strong inflation incomes in recent expected to be between 22 nominal incomes in recent

The outward looking policy siderable repatriation

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Disturbing signs in the economy

the Greek mind about the nature of Macedonia. It was in the Department of Economics at Read-

were sown during the decline nities. What more people of the Greek economy and of the Roman Empire when will contest is the ability of the weak investment perturbed by the seconomy to exploit new formance. Hellenism clashed with the Slav tribes pushing down to the fertile plains and the sea comperition from some of some would say the Slave soil cherish that particular dream, although the frontier settlements of the past half century are now accepted officially as inviolable.

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In 1976, many Western economies, the Greek income per capita Total as well as manufactural climbed to 52 per cent of antiquity.

Total as well as manufactural ing employment has been growing constantly and by is most likely considerably the beginning of last year it had become obvious that the parallel economy whose income is not monitored by the official national accounts.

It is a remarkable achievement that despite the con-

The seeds of the discord which has racked the Greek economy consider further to undermine the accade to these fester growth split since classical times able advantages and opportunates of the decline where sown during the decline were sown during the decline with the greek economy consider. rates in earnings. High growth rates in wages settle-ments in the public sector tomributed to a high rate of expansion of the combined earnings, combined with budget deficit expected to moderate productivity gains, The causes of accelerating inflation are primarily domestic but external factors reach this year a size aquivalent to 7.6 per cent of gdp.

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weges and salaries and the income redistribution that this implied lad to a profit squeeze, particularly in manufacturing. According to estimates by the Confederation of Greek Industo estimates by the Confederation of Greek Industrailists, the everage, after in the growth of the private reduction of the combine
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high rises in nominal hourly moderate productivity gains, developments. With a pro-increased unit labour costs reorientation of policies and undermined the inter-flation can be control a climate of uncertainty for dustry could be improve the future export perform and the investment climat

The difficulties are cyclical rather than years have been the major and 1977. As it has been transport sectors. The light mechanism fuelling in flation shown by shulles of the party provide rate of the public of the public of the Department of Economics at Reading Easy credit availability been fluored at the rate of the public of the public of the Department of Economics at Reading Easy credit availability been fluored at the rate of its thus the public of the public of the public of the public of the Department of Economics at Reading Easy credit availability been fluored at the rate of its thus the best way to be a fluored at the rate of its thus the companion of the public of ment towards more productive sectors, outside the res. The disturbing signs

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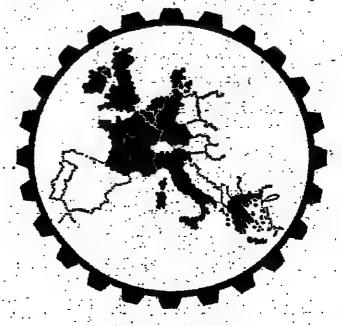


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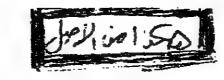
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Greece is scheduled to enter the EEC on January 1, 1981. Constantine Collmer analyses what the Greeks hope to get out of it, while Michael

Hornsby looks at some of the problems seen through the eyes of officials in Brussels

A specialist's pep talk to put heart into a tired patient

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The Greeks expect that membership of a far larger and more developed market will create a bigger outlet

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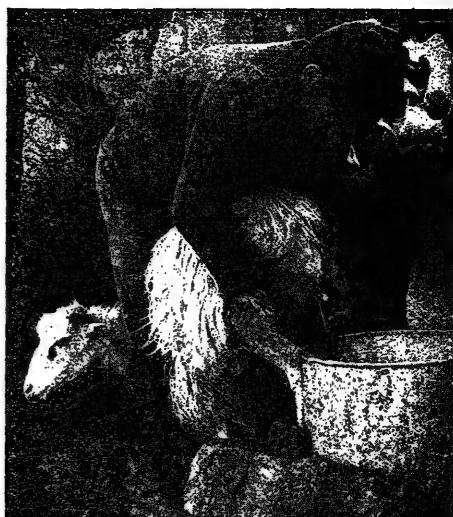
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It is to be hoped that the gradual Greek agriculture to the gradual dropping of the EEC tariff protection, will economic sectors, such as animal husbandry, to cop





Mr Karamanlis, flanked by Mr George Rallis, the Foreign Minister (left) and Mr George Kontogiorghis, Minister for EEC Affairs, signs the Act of Accession of Greece to the EEC.

EEC has fears about new member

In a little over a year from geneous collection of states the fact that tariffs on two the Messogiorno, Languedou now—on January I, 1981— at a similar stage of polithrids of industrial imports and Corsica. In the past two and rather more than six tical, social and economic from the EEC had already years the EEC has begun

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These officials point out areas, a trend that is likely

tion, there is little doubt facing Greek industry.

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West may put in a formal its coming to power in the ables.

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exports, especially to Britain, and reports on new moves in Anglo-Greek economic cooperation

Shipowners claim their poor reputation is unfair

Most of the world's com- say very much about frauds mercial shipping is now con-elsewhere."
trolled by Greek interests, International police inteldirectly under flags of con-ligence would seem to back

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national companies. While claim that the real crooks in
the rest of Europe has seen
a continuing contraction in
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The industry internationally
come from outside Greece,
suburb of Piraeus has grown
into an important centre of
international trade.

But the boom has not been to organized groups in Saudi But the boom has not been to organized groups in Saudi without its problems, and Arabia and America, both of with Greece's membership of them indirectly linked to the EEC imminent their established criminal organi-

solution has become a mat- zations. ter of increasing concern for ter of increasing concern for both the Greek Government that Piraeus can prove a suitand the industry's leading able base for such operations. It is close to ports in Greek shipowners have the Mediterranean where long resented their poor goods can be unloaded image abroad, an image illicity. Additionally, there which, as they are swift to is a ready market of experipoint out, may once have enced seamen operating

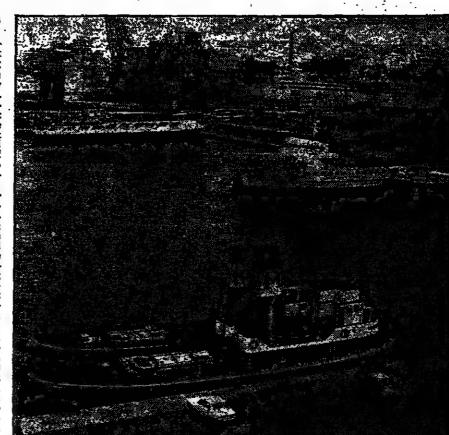
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point our, may once have enced seamed operating stood some accurate examina-through street curner ention but which is now ployment agencies without largely unfairly prejudiced the stricter registration proagainst them. Marine fraud cedores of other European and poor safety records are ports.

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the two sins commonly cited against the industry.

No one is under any doubt andros K loaded 3,000 tonnes that large-scale frauds in of sizel on December 10 volving millions of dollars 1978 at Bourgas, Bulgaris. It have been perpetrated left there and laid up in These range from complimates on December 28. In cated swindles involving early March, a Spanish constraightforward scuttling of nes of steel which it resold a vessel after its cargo has to Egyptian buyers, been secretly unloaded, neatly winning its owner lading the steel was loaded hull and cargo insurance in Ravenna, Italy, in March payments and the bonus of 1979. The Egyptian buyers, an illicit cargo of goods to after being constantly stalled. hull and cargo insurance payments and the bonus of an illicit cargo of goods to sell on the black market.



Cruise ships for the Greak islands wait in Piraeus.

Greek shipowners bitterly Greek owners pay no tax contested Lloyd's safety on profits, and, while their figures and continue to do registration fees do not appeared something of a fillip Liberia's \$US250, they are when a report showed that fairly small in comparison by of the safety league, had West. To be the safety league, had

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Interpretation of the company of the compa

ted States, with its large Greek immigrant population, is the most important of the larter, followed by Canada. Recently Japan, Brazil and Argentina have been recep-

itve markets.

As for Britain, Mr. Court side said: Your high terres are a serious handicap, but we feel there is plenty of scope for us." Among coming, dry and fruity white panies exporting to Britain Cava Cambas. From its mand Ireland, Cambas reports and Ireland, Cambas reports that these countries are now its second most important market; Acheis Clause, of Parras, the other leading things of the sainty, golden, fairly full, dry Mentineia, and the view dry, brick-red, subtly full dry Mentineia, and the sales in Retain beer all to is the wine produced only previous records in the past from vineyards of great retive markets.

the shelves of merchants and from Vergina.

The splendid new Boutaris restaurants, the majority are likely to be classified official deep ruby, velvety day. ally as vins de marque presented wines which do not indicate geographical origin indicate geographical origin which covers most of the wine produced. The most notable wines there are now 25 receive an appella-

of Dionysos Dionysos inspires little devotion in most modern Greeks.

"VOPRD"—Vins de Qualité.

Their wine deinking is moderate. Mr Demetrios Courtakis, the chairman of the Greek wine producers' association, said that annual adult incustion, said that annual adult incustion.

Appellation Trailing to the producer of the consumption amounts to consumption.

Among Ressings available.

Missing spirit

about 40 lirres a year, compared with about 110 lirres in Britain are the brands of in France and 100 litres in Andrew Cambes (from Italy. Vineyards of London NW10; Exene, made by Courtakis; Achesa Ciana, Corinch and Plaka. The latter are also band names Wine-loving travellers in Greece, while generally well served at reasonable prices served at reasonable prices Cointakis; Achasa Clause, in tavernas and more modest corinth and Plaka. The restaurants often justly complain of excessively high for two ranges of dry red profit margins exacted by white and ruse wines made more luminous places, in the Peluponnese, and especially some hotels. It is available respectively at also far too difficult to order branches of Threshers wine (either by the glass or Comuth, at about £1.55), bortle) in many bars and cafes even in hotels after (Plaka, at about £1.55), this is a deterrent to consumption, whether by visitings or residents. When I and a light dry fragrant red outsed Greek consumption they cost about £1.60 (from Bishopsmead Wines Greyssanthopolou, the export director of one of the leading producers, Andrew Campale of Porking).

Chryssanthopolou, the export of Dorking).

director of one of the leading producers, Andrew Cambas, he rommented: "While of Pairsa is the showpiece we are delighted to report winery of Achsia Clause moderate increases in domestic wine buying, and taking the car ferry from indeed wish to stimulate it. Brindisi or Corfu to Greece, remember we are a nation of the Revarian founder Course. we are delighted to report moderate increases in dom-estic wine buying, and indeed wish to stomulate it, remember we are a nation of Its Ravarian founder, Gustav Clause, was the first pro-ducer of Mavrodaphue, a luscious dessert wine, which

they have given this name to a good light dry white wite, and gently fruity dry red (shipped here by Michael's Vineyards at about \$1.65), it

around your tongue and so is the wine, produced only previous records in the past from vineyards of great renown near the town of that name in Macedonia por far.

wineries produce a beautiful deep ruby, relvety dry Naoussa falso an appellation wine) and in limited quantifies, a Grande Reserve of greater age. The first is shipped here by Taillalis, of Moreton Street, London, SWI, and costs about £2.90.
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projects of generation, transmission and distribution be increasingly dependent on the distribution A robust power economy requires that the major increasingly dependent on the development of the

As clearly shown in the power programme for 1979-1988, the Public Power Corporation in his role as exclusive authority for Greece's electrification is laying down plans for generation projects consisting mainly of hydroelectric and lignite-fired units.

Today, PPC's installed capacity totals an approximate 4,900MW. Of these, some 4,530MW belong to the National System and include 3,300MW produced by domestic resources, i.e., lignite and hydro-power. It is expected that by 1988 the lignite-fired and hydro-electric units of PPC shall reach a total capacity of 2,000MW researching 80° of the installed capacity of 8.300MW, representing 80% of the installed capacity of the National System.

The following table shows the present composition of the generating stations and the development to he achieved by the implementation of the 1979-1988

NATIONAL SYSTEM INSTALLED CAPACITY PER TYPE OF POWER STATION

| TYPE OF STATION | 31-12-78 (MW) | Progratime (MW) | 10 31-12-1988 % | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Lignite-fired | 1.400 | 3.400 2.370 5,870 | 5.493 3,670 9,163 | 47.7 31 8 79.5 |
| Oil-fired | : <u> </u> | 52% 640 | 1,758 600 11,521 | 15.3 5.2 100 9 |

1978: STEADY GROWTH OF POWER ECONOMY

In 1978, the total output of hydroelectric, lignite-fired and oil-fired stations scored 19,460 million kWh representing an increase by 11.8% over the previous

Of this total output, 12,246 million kWh or 63% were generated by hydroelectric and lignite-fired stations, leaving to oil-fired plants a moderate 7,211 million kWh or 37%.

This pattern of primary resources is of dramatic importance by comparison with 28 years ago when 98% of Greace's total power output depended on oil imports and a tiny 2% on domestic resources.

In 1978, consumption climbed to 18,219 million kWh and service networks were extended to cover 99% of Greece's total population. A close-up shows that the per capita consumption has reached the 1,977 kWh

Of this total consumption, 9,960 kWh or 54.7% was absorbed by the industrial market. PPC's power sales income rose to \$740 million. In 1978, the investments of PPC in utility plant and projects reached \$367 million. Of these, \$158 million

went to generating projects and \$209 million to trans-mission, distribution and general utility plant. Last, PPC's fixed assets atood at \$2,522 million, whereas the total assets of the Corporation accrued to more than \$2,940 million in 1978.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOMESTIC POWER RESOURCES

To cover the constantly increasing power requirements of the national economy, which in the period 1979-1988 are expected to grow by a mean annual rate of 8.5%, the Public Power Corporation's main efforts will be directed to the development of the national power recourses. power resources.

From 18,219 million kWh in 1978, the power demand on PPC's National System is expected to rise by 13.3% and reach 42,500 kWh by 1988.

In particular, of this total output, 36.623 million kWh or 86% will depend on hydro-power and lignite-firing and the remaining 5,877 million kWh or 14% on oil-

LIGNITE DEPOSITS

In the field of large power projects, the coming decade is sure to witness a dynamic rhrust in lignite-fired power generation by the addition of a new chain of

These units are to utilise extensive lignite deposits assessed at 3,888 million tons, of which 2,150 million tons are considered exploitable.

In more detail, between 1980 and 1988 the PPC is to stage out and commission 12 new lignite-fired units of a total 3,600 mW having at the end of that period an output capacity in the order of 24,000 million kWh. By 1988, the PPC's power programme has a target of 31,700 million kWh generated by lignite-fired units.

HYDRO-POWER

The construction of another 24 units of a total 2.270 MW is to develop at a first-stage the rivers Achelohos, Arakhthos and Aliakmon and at a later stage the rivers Nestos and Aobos.

By 1988, the hydroelectric stations are expected to reach an annual generating capacity of 5,000 million kWh covering by 11.75% the total output of the

It is, however, to be noted that this figure has been estimated on critical water-years. In case of average water-rears, hydro-power will cover 16% of the output and reduce commensurably the output of the cal-fired

THE NUCLEAR POWER UNIT

By the targets set in PPC's power programme for 1979-1988, it is expected that at the end of the decade a large portion of the domestic power resources, i.e., lignite and hydro-power shall have reached a stage of full development.

However, the study and the long-term inverast of Greece's power requirements call for the addition of a 600 MW nuclear power unit to the programme. This nuclear power station for which PPC carries our spadework is expected to go on line by 1983. in the second second

which have been generally and signalling equipment mining, refrigeration, food cordial but not close, relatively to be about £700m.

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At the end of next month a group of businessmen from the principal Greek chambers of joint are at extremely favourable anterprises in Greece in-

bers of trade will be visiting Britain, and next May Lord Jellicos will take a delegation of about 15 senior executives from a wide variety of companies for a visit to

After his visit, Mr Mitsotakis said: "This has been the first important Anglo-Greek economic meeting since before the late Junta came to power—that is, over 12 years ago. We have felt for some time that our rela-tions in this field were not what they might be, and we are now much more optimis-tic about them."

In the light of the grant-ing of £400m credit facilities to Greece until the end of 1980, Mr Mitsotakis said his Government had asked, because of its energy crisis, for an immediate loan of 500,000 tons of North Sea oil—if possible to be delivered within sible to be delivered within the first three months of 1980. "This oil is of very high quality and, having low sulphur dioxide content, its use cannot injure the fabric of our operations. of our ancient buildings, which have suffered gravely from pollution", he said. So, far there is no news of how soon the 'reeks may hope to get this oil, but their Embassy spokesman said: "We have had a sympathetic hearing and how we wust wait." One of the first British ompanies to be involved in important talks with the Greek Government after the ninister's visit is Transmark the railway consultant sub-sidiary of British Rail. Mr Nicholas Alexander, its asso-ciate director, is due in Athens next week to discuss proposals for the modernization and electrification of the Greek railways—minally, the Arbens Salonika line. "The Achens-Salonika line. minister told us he wanted the journey time cut from 74 hours to 31 hours, and we are presenting detailed pro-posals", Mr. Alexander said. The estimated cost of this project, which involves re-alignment of the track, doubling the width of the



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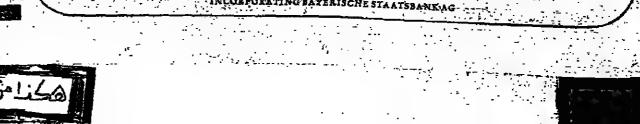
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A sleeping giant awakening to realities

The Orthodox Church was once an instinc- In the past five years there service of Holy Communion have been several ominous on Sunday mornings, assend tive part of the national identity. The Very clashes between church and ance is still fairly good by Reverend Archimandrite Kallistos Ware Government has decided to in a few cities during the reflects on its falling influence.

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moment when the priest problem faced only by Greek press.

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Resurrection of Christ is an the country life is no longer sharply diminished in influence in the life of the whole community.

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One encouraging sign has been the notable revival of sinies, laymen hoping to remounding their Greek instituted in the continues and same supply bad exceeded demand, and about 1,000—awaiting their first union, and so non-Orthodox demand, sundant religious group. What is not been problem of Education. But, whatever the explanation, the incident possible is for professed by the continues to explanation, the incident possible is for professed being the special of secular ceremony before the despite the spread of secular ceremony before the despite the spread of secular ceremony before the continues to exist in Greeks.

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The Orthodox rites of Baptism culminate in total immersion. This intimate study was taken on the island of Santorini.

Raphael Moissis explains how the Government is combating the effects on the

energy programme of its commitment to rapid economic growth

The sun alleviates power problems

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its partners in the EEC. Compared with most coun-

tries in the Community, Greece's energy problems are elieviated by a good climate, which allows the space heating portion of the total energy used to be less than half of northern Europe's equivalent. (There is some use of solar energy. Also, Greece has less deeply rooted consumption habits—

posure to the extravagances of modern living—and more energy-saving

where.
On the other hand, the country's energy problems are aggravated by the country to rapid economic growth, which is dictated by strong national, social and political reasons but which camot be attained without a his increase in the use of big increase in the use of energy. Also, there is an unfavourable relationship beunfavourable relationship between energy and gross national product. Experience shows that energy needs in Greece increase not in line with gup growth, as is the case in more mature economies, but more than one and

mice, but more than one and a half times as fast.

Oil prices and world inflation have acted as multipliers to all elements of the foreign exchange balance. This effect is particularly strong on the deficient trade balance, and less so on the traditional equalizer—the invisibles.

In 1978 all the primary energy used in Greece was the equivalent of about fifteen million romes of oil.
The demand is satisfied by
22 per cent solid fuels
(mostly indigenous lignite),
73 per continuous lignite), 73 per cent imported oil, and 5 per cent hydropower. Of all the primary energy used, just over a third is converted into all the primary energy used. into electricity. Industry accounts for 42 per cent of energy consumption, transport 27 per cent and residential and other uses 31 per

cent.
The value of imported fuel rose from \$US90m in 1966 to more than \$1,000m in 1976. It is likely to reach \$2,000m

this year. Depending on the rate of economic growth, on improvements in the efficient use of energy, and on the changes in the relative proportions of industrial production, the annual energy demand is expected to increase to between 30 million and 40 million tonnes of oil equivalent by 1990. Responding to the ominous oil supply and cost prospects

the Government has tried to formulate—using some of Greece's scientific talentappropriate energy cy. The outcome has policy. The outcome has been a coherent plan with well-defined goals and strategies. In it, inevitably, one recognizes all the textbook recipes of contemporary

energy planning.
Sporadic oil exploration attempts in Greece from 1848 to the 1960s led to the conclusion that the Greek mainland and seabed subsoil, although some patchy oil deposits were likely, was of limited exploitation interest. at least according to pre-1973 economic criteria. This view was momentarily refuted in 1973, with the

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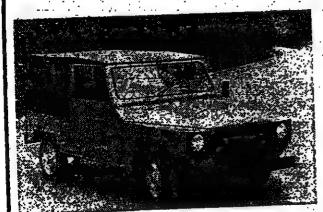
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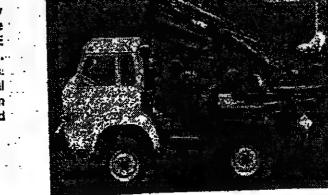
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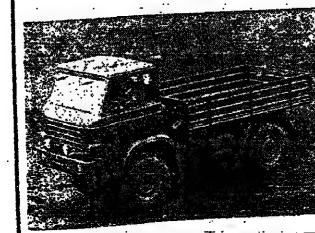
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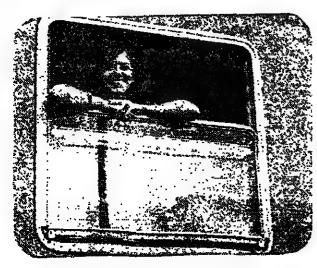
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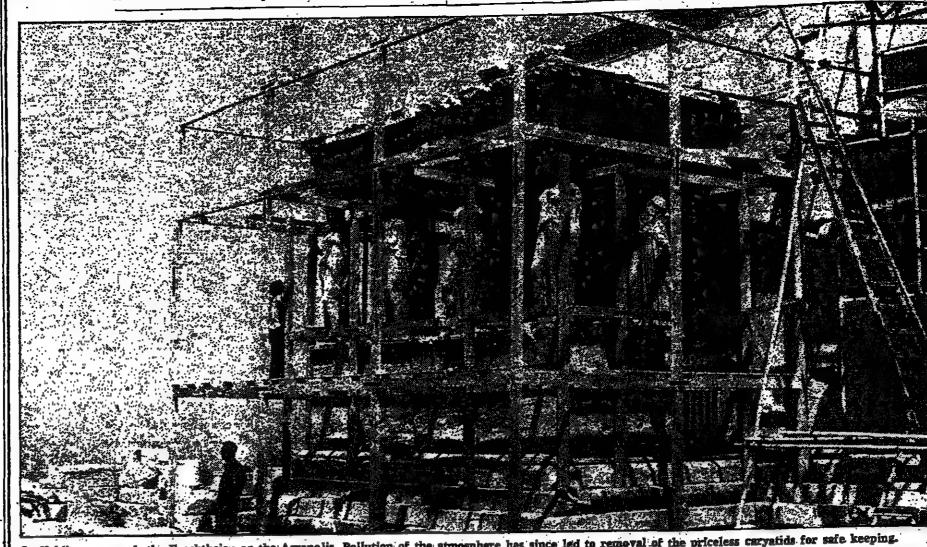
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Two lively controversies continue to dominate cultural discussion—government actions to control pollution in Athens and to allow art treasures to be exhibited abroad. Geoffrey Weston analyses the issues and the roles of the protagonists



Doubts over steps to cut atmosphere's sulphur

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Protests fail to stop loans of antiquities

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Students still obliged to go abroad

Richard Clogg, lecturer in modern Greek In 1976, Mr Karamanlis, Although the present fees istory at King's College London, argues conservative elements in his charged in other European forth not only would education at all levels be carried which British education is on in the demonic form of held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the held has not so far led to in the he Fure is still far from satisfactory despite a

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incapable of meeting all the demands placed on it at either school or university levels. The private sector flourishes as a consequence Although questions of for-eign policy have tended to preoccupy the Karamanlis and, despite the creation of new universities in the Government since the col-lapse of the Colonels' regime provinces in recent years in a commendable effort to dein 1974, efforts have also been made to modernize the centralize, the annual uni-versity entrance examinacountry's social, political and economic institutions in predemotic language of everyday paration for Greece's entry strains on students and their communication. One result into the European Communication. One result into the European Communication. This year, for into this linguistic confusion nity. In these efforts educations, only one in five

> has driven droves or young Greeks to seek education labroad. Italy, because of its proximity and relative cheapness, has been the most favoured destination, followed by Germany, France, Britain and the United States, A curious recent de-velopment has been the flow Greek students, attracted by rock-bottom costs, to Romania and Bulgaria. This annual inigration of Greek students, amounting to some 25 per cent of the student

massive increases in the fees charged to overseas students in Britain has caused dismay in Britain has caused dismay in Greece (as indeed did the proposal to are the BBC Greek service, which celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year and enjoys something of the starus of a national institution). During 1977-78 there team stones a national institution. But-ing 1977-78 there were simost 3,500 Greek students at Brit-ish institutions of higher education, with a further 1,500 from Cyprus.



The educational system has not been particularly res ponsive to the needs of Greek society.

Personal choice by Mario Modiano

Pioneer in revival of jeweller's art

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ioneered the revival of the jeweller's craft in Greece, proposes to fashion medalions and pendants inspired by the poetic drawings of

Lalaounis calls his jew-lry "micro-sculpture". He elry "micro-sculpture". He insists that over and above its sesthetic value, jewelry should have a symbolic merit that reflects ideas and principles. For inspiration he relies on three main sources: arz, nature and science. In the

Laksounis, prompted by the tourist boom, decided to produce in silver and gold exact copies of ancient Greek jewelry displayed in 25 per cent of the statutes body in Greece, constitutes idea was not only an instant designs by Greek school-success, it was a lasting one. designs by Greek school-success, it was a lasting one. Greek jewelry-makers are children on the theme "a Greek jewelry-makers are children on the theme "a the Greek museums. His idea was not only an instant still turning out ancient jewel to offer your

Mr Lalaounis says: cells; brooches showing the After 1950, the first whiplash movement of spar-foreign tourists were not matozoa; round gold rings opulent, but they were studded with minute dialovers of ancient Greek culmonds and rubies in the ture. They induced us to shape of an outsize ovule; ture.

lovers of ancient Greek culture. They induced us to shape of an outsize ovule; produce the first copies of ancient jewelry which proved to be so successful."

There were other factors for this success: one was that the price of gold remained stable at \$35 an ownce for many decades. The other was the repatriation of the Lalaounis, from his "Movement who had fied abroad because of the Second World War.

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After producing copies of Hellenistic, classical, Mycenaean and Minoan jewelry, Lalaounis and his team of 204 designers and craftsmen began stylizing the ancient objects of art, drawing their inspiration from them to serve contemporary ornamental concepts.

In 1973 he introduced the "peo-geometric" line—a collection of jewelry in gold and diamonds drawn from the Geometric period (tenth to seventh century BC). What he did was to feed into a computer basic patterns found on Greek vases of that period and let modern technology produce the endless variations he was looking for.

In 1976 he went right to the dawn of human art—palaeolithic axes, primitive harpoons and arrow-heads were, transformed into 22.

harpoons and arrow-heads were transformed into 22-

One of his great creations was based on the sumptions Byzantine jewelry, while, in-spired by the majestic arches and vaults of Byzan-tine architecture, he pro-duced a completely new

that was closest to pure art. The wild flowers of Greece (there are 6,000 different species) had been for centuries a source of inspiration for Greek artists who painted them on vases and on walls.

The materials are sources of his inspiration: he tried to revive the prehistoric Greek art of signer stones by reproducing their miniature designs on gold and semi-precious stone or rock crystal. The results are striking.

Since the revival of Greek inwelvemaking hears the

on walls.

The tradition is still going number of craftsmen and strong. The replicas of 32 jewellers in Greece grew wild flowers that Lalsounis from about 2,000 in 1959 to produced in gold were very aimost 50,000 in 1979. fine and are today prized production increased twenty-possessions in private art fold.

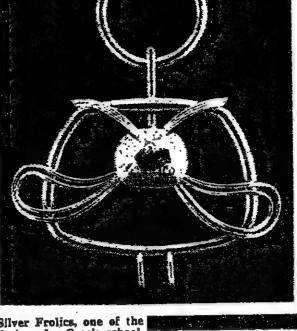
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his jewelry creations was in foreign exchange,
the one he called the "biosymbols"—his first scientific collection: biology, in
fact the elementary particles of life, as seen through
an electronic microscope.

There were necklaces
modelled on the intricate
pattern of human and plant

foreign tourists buy

Foreign tourists buy
about three fifths of all
three fifths of all
three jewelry sold, mostly
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Exports which were down at
fit 50,000 in 1968 soared to
fit collection: biology, in
well over £2.5m a decade
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Greek jewelry sales are in
the range of £100m, of
which about a half is added
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her first, simple jewelry which her futher produced were transformed into 22 in gold and enamel with carar necklaces, bracelets, great commercial success. She is now 20 and is studyone of his great creations ing business administration in Paris.

Both she and her sister
Dimitre, aged 16, who is
studying the liberal arts,
have often acted as models
for their father's jewelry at
gala presentations or in
films.

When in 1970 Lalaounis This year Lalaounis, who reproduced in gold precise is 59, wern back to the original copies of wild flowers of inal sources of his inspira-

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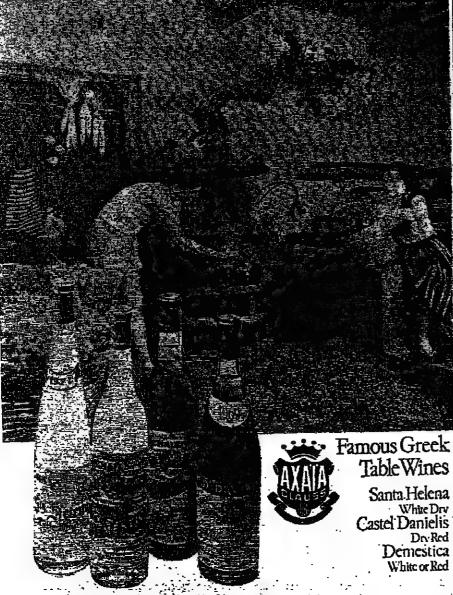
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Geoffrey Weston explains how tourism is helping to stem the tide of rural depopulation and Edmund Keeley assesses

the work of the poet Odysseus Elytis winner of this year's Nobel Prize for Literature

Leasing scheme restores historic buildings

This year the number of tourists visiting Greece will approach six mil-Within three years Greece could reach what is unoffi-

Although tourism is one of the biggest successes of the reek aconomy and the argest source of foreign exrganization has become cutely aware of the danger espoliation by numbers. In the past four years the NTO, which is answerable lirectly to the Prime Minisn policy from quantity to quality, apart from trying to pread the influx of visitors over a longer season and a larger area. This means that giant hotels (the human filing cabinets of southern Spain) are out, and small carefully integrated developnents with more emphasis on

The tourist authority has substantial budget, which t uses not only to promote ndustry but to enhance the lot of Greeks, both economically and culturally.
One of the most striking aspects of the organization's

aspects of the organization of the shift in policy is less plan to develop and restore traditional buildings in remote areas, for which purpose it

track. Where the economy of volcanic island of Santorini, a village without suitable is the most advanced. A accomposation can be immartime museum has been

tural and historical worth built under Genom occupa- out. The upper storeys are and their potential use have tion in the fourteenth central cantilevered out from the



well-trodden tourist the village of Cia, on the Where the economy of volcanic island of Santorini, proved by promoting a bedand-breakfast trade, then grants of up to \$1,500 a martine museum has been opened, as well as a wearing and-breakfast trade, then grants of up to \$1,500 a more shaped on the further employ a welling are available for ment and income but also makes some of the furnishings for other NTO projects, have been neglected or the organization has least in many cases because in the provides further of the furnishings for other NTO projects, absoluted by their owners, in many cases because in the organization has left them in areas that have died economically so that their chief chief, is one of the best treed with once-rich lace comprise sevent and be in the provides further of the provides further and income but also makes some of the furnishing mused by their owners, in the Petion will be ready.

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areas, for which purpose it has set up its own architectural department. Rural depopulation has reached salarming proportions.

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existing restaurant. Two entirely different developments are under way in the Pelion area of Thessaly Vyzicse and Makrinitsa. dominated by large agricultural estates and are scarcomprise seventeenth-century three-storey buildings with lofty rooms and much finely

carved woodwork inside and

10 old people live there, compared with 400 at the turn of this century.

Half of the 140 buildings, each with three small floors, have been leased. Despite the need for basic service installations, on which the tourist authorities work to sather units other covernment. gether with other government open it in 1981 with nine

of Cephalonia comprises eight contracts on nineteenth-

A dark side to the light

who has remained persist kind of alphabet out of ently young, still celebrating purely Greek elements with degean Greece, its maidens, which to express curselves.". ts sun and sea, its liberating d comming meta-moted by the classicist off-(high spirits spring of the Renaissance-into a med which in any case did not summer-become a sur-baked Turkish occupation—as that ephebe), verses stimulating of Byzanthum and the modern to the senses and pleasing Greek folk tradition. His to the imagination but fine major poem, The Axion Estially not very profound.

(1959), often draws on the

This image, in large measure a Western product, does not go deep enough. Though the gift of youth is still apparent in Mr Elyus, this work is more complex than the terms optimism and surrealism suggest. There is often a dark side to the light he projects, almost edways a balance between opposites. is not so much a poetic tech-nique derived from France is a mode that expresses modern Greek sensibi-

ing Mr Elytis justly may be that the Western view of his

ness" of Mr Elytis's poetry "against the background of fically, and most Western

aftermath that the academy rightly had in mind.

tural and historical worth and their potential use have been largely overlooked.

In suitable cases the potential of the course are offering to lease the properties for 10 years. No money changes hands, but in the authorities are 200 years return the authorities and furnish them, taking great care to retain their obstracter and that of their character and of 10 years the ond of 10 years the ond of 10 years the one of tourists in this NTO. The first NTO conversion, the end of 10 years the offer tourists in this nthe controlled. Whether the property complete with all streets built on three levels its also allowed to occupy it roads wind through passage them are only about an authorities and moccupy it roads wind through passage the not the fourteenth centered out from the cantilevered out from the fourteenth center, and a series of the battons trurp and tourists arriving bour At present the only trippers and tourists arriving bour which attracts day.

In the house on the bourt of from the cantilevered out from the cant issue of Books Abroad (still surrealist mode in order to the modern world that have challenge "the rationalist best nourished his postic currents" that he sees filling voice. But the body is also most Western minds as they that of his country: focus on Greece. "The And so they found that the Western world", he tells us, gold of the offercook had

Turkish occupation Byzantine hymnographers, and the tone, structure and diction of individual parts reflects both the Greek Orthodox liturgy and the modern Greek folk songs. There are also constant echoes of the nineteenth-cen-

ecoses of the innertention, in particular the poetry of Dionysios Solomos and the prose of General Makriyamis. This is not to say that classical and pre-classical Greece are ignored in his classical and pre-classical Greece are ignored in his work. The ancient gods and their habitations are always hovering in the background of Mr Elytis's verse; they do not often appear overly. Unlike Sikelianos or Serefis or even Rissos, Mr Elytis rarely allows the figures in

The purety Greek elements

Nobel ciration pointed to quality of light that define the sensuous strength and his "small world the Great". intellectual clear-sighted Perhaps the best example

in the image created by the his heart. Rensissance. But this image And from the many time

The prevailing image of time, surrealism contained a The cries of birds which he Only in the hollow of his popular enough, inching Odysseus Elytis, now 68, is supernatural element, and had come to memorize in left ear some light fine country since The drings that of an optimistic poet this enabled us to form a hours of great koncliness send, as though in a shell, appeared 20 years early sand, as though in a shell, appeared 20 years can Which means that often be has chosen to live as a s had walked by the

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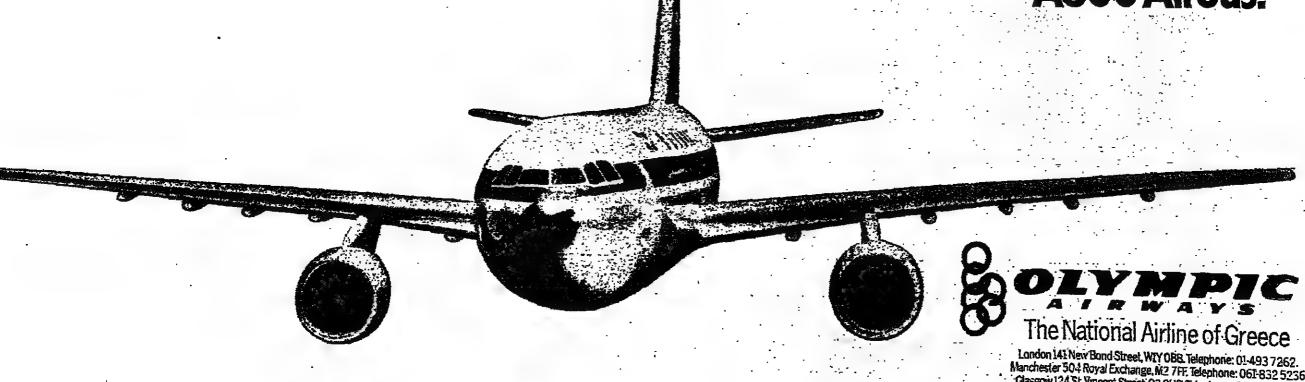
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THE BALANCE OF ARMS

In both sides of the Atlantic the larly if it pu ts. any limits on Averaments are in Touble reaction to events in Iran. tato is due to take tomorrow to inodernize theatre nuclear forces n Europe. Across the water the Inited States Senate has put off cheming the ratification of Salt the strategic arms limitation.
Featy which Mr Carter and Mr Wrezhney signed in the summer.

Europe's troubles are for the noment of lesser importance because they are unlikely to leisy the Nato decision. The nost important countries concrued West Germany, Italy and Britain—are ready to take the new missiles. The wobblers the Dutch, the Danes and the Selgians, with Norway also omewhat unenthusiastic, in Washington, however, delays to the ratification of Salt 2 could in on through the election cam-

aign and might eventually sink he agreement itself. This would imost certainly (though not iecessarily) mean no start to the text round of negotiations, which would cover theatre uclear weapons in Europe. And T Europeans lose faith in the ability of the American president to sustain effective negotiations with the Soviet Union they will become less willing to go along with other aspects of alliance

The underlying problem is that there is insufficient agreement in Europe and in Washington on now to deal with the military nodernization programme comes vainly from those who feel

either that it is unnecessary beause Mr Brezhney has said he is willing to negotiate, or that it will make negotiation have disicult, of that the programme self has no military value in Vashin wil the difficulties come minly frent the other side from ose who so distrust the Soviet. nion that they distrest almost by agreement with it partice

problems of arms and arms America's defence effort. This entrol are causing political camp has been irrationally breudence. Several European strengthened by the public

There is not the slightest hope of reconciling these two basically different perceptions. Nobody, can be sure of the intentions of the Soviet Union or know what goes on in the minds of its leaders. Are they seeking parity or superiority? Are they genuinely interested in negotiating stability or are their offers merely tactical diversions? The West's endless debates on these questions are educative but doomed to remain unresolved. The common sense answer is that the Russians themselves are divided and driven by mixed anotives Like the West they have different interest groups and different psychological types and their own uncertainties about what we are up to. In practical politics these gaps are tem-porarily bridged by explaining policies to different people in different terms. One lot is told that détente is a Leninist tactic for undermining the West while the other is told that it represents a genuine search for safer and more stable relations.

Given these uncertainties the only safe policy for the West is to cater for both possible interpretations by maintaining a balance of power while taking every opportunity to negotiate. This also caters for the existence of different tendencies within the Soviet leadership by offering encouragement to those who are power of the Soviet Union. In seeking genuine accommodation opposition to the and deterrence to those who are not. This is broadly what Nato is trying to do with its combined package of modernization plans and arms control proposals.

Those who oppose it doubt either the seriousness of the arms control part or the military need for modernization. The first can be rested in negotiation, the second by looking at the facts. ... The Russians claim that the

true. Until the early 1960s there were rockets in Italy and Turkey with this capability, and there are American aircraft in Europe which still have it now. What has happened is simply that the aircraft have become more vulner-able to Soviet air defences, while all military targets in western Europe have become more vulperable to the new mobile Soviet SS-20 missiles which are being deployed at the rate of one a week. The Nato programme is both a modernization of existing capability and a response to the Soviet Union's new ability to make very precise hits on European targets from almost invulnerable installations deep inside its own territory.

in the Soviet Union. This is not

For Nato to postpone a response in order to enter negotiations would be folly. If the basis for agreement exists it will be found more swiftly under the pressure of Nato efforts to arrest the steady tilting of the military balance in favour of the Soviet Union. And if such a basis can-not be found in the three years before the western missiles are deployed it probably does not

Meanwhile it is profoundly disappointing that the United States cannot rise to its responsibilities and ratify Salt 2. The suspicion is strong in Europe that electoral politics take precedence over the interests of the nation and the alliance. The treaty is not ideal but it puts certain limits on what the Soviet Union may do, and does not hamper any programmes now deemed necessary in the United States. Above all it maintains an important though limited strand of negotiation with the Russians, thereby strengthening the more peace-loving elements in the Soviet leadership and reassuring the Europeans that the United States is still capable of maintaining a proper belance between military military preparedness and détente. Without this assurance the level of Atlantic agreement new missiles give Nato a new and could decli-threatening ability to hit targets of danger. could decline towards the point

THE FURIOUS ASSAULT ON MR DOCHERTY

up by a group of young people; and it was made clear that the travelling, as he was on a train main reeson for that decision filled wish football supporters was that the victim had the circumstances are not also requested that no action be gether clear. It may be, as hat been suggested in some reports, that Mr Docherty, taunted with desails of his somewhat difficult havate like responded in bellileten manner. Whatever the sudderlying cause the fact.
The emzins that he was set apon by hooligans, and, as a result, sus-

ained serious injuries. hat criminal charges would be laid against the perpetrators of the assault whose identity was apparently not in doubt—and it as been known for offences of hat nature to be published with

Last Saturday. Mr Tomniy sentences of imprisonment Docherty, who has been for measured in years rather than many years a football manager months. Soon after the criminal assault on Mr Docherty, however, the police concerned amounced behaviour, was severely heater that ne charges were being laid, and the manage clear that the

... It is right to allow the police a measure of discretion over whether or not to prosecute for offences of that kind. Where, for, instance, the alleged assault is carried our within the contest of ar family quarrel, it would be restonable, and often desirable to refrain from instituting criminal proceedings if the victim Normally, it would be expected is reluction to press charges. The police would also be beyond reproach in declining to victim was the main or only witness to the crime and where, without his evidence or coopera-

unlikely.

Mr. Docherty's case does not fall into either of those categories. There were, it seems, many witnesses to the assault. A crime of that gravity involves the public interest, and not merely the parties involved. The police, consistently emphasized their dedication to firm action against violence, and in particular that which is a consequence of foot-ball allegiances. Moreover, it is only if there is a reasonable certainty of prosecution; and of stiff sentences on conviction, that potential thugs can be deterred from acts of violence. The impression given is that the police in the Docherty case succumbed to the request of a well-known personage without fully taking into account all the relevant factors if that is not so, the police owe an explanation for

rion, a conviction was extremely

YACHTSMEN AND THE WEATHER

The report on this year's Fastnet . race, in which fifteen yachtsmen died, confirms that the disaster was first of all due to an act of God. The force and suddenness of the sale which fell upon the fleet in August inevitably found. out weaknesses of organization. design and seamanship, as extreme conditions always will, but nothing that can fairly be called . negligence, rashness or incomperence figures in the story. Any fleet of 300 yachts struck by winds of sixty-five knots and irregular breaking waves up to that the last is bound to sun addies. The fact that the lad previously been only to a death as a result of bad weather in the entire history of the Fast net race indicates how exceptional the conditions this year were.

The lessons of must neverthestudies. sixty feet high (higher than the

such conditions. The problem has to be approached from that direction, for violent storms can blow

up suddenly and, as in this case, anything the organizers might have done to call off the race or warn the competitors would have made little difference: the boats were at sea and had to ride it out. It is clear, however, that more precautions could have been taken in advance to facilitate the rescue: in particular, there ought to be a rule (with penalties attached) requiring compensors who drop out at the start to notify the organizers im-mediately, so that there is no doubt about the number of boats to be looked for .-

Seven deaths almost half the total were of people who took to life rafts, abandoning yachts which in the event did not sink. There are lessons in that for manufacturers of life-rafts, but the main lesson for yachts-men is to reinforce the old axiom stay with the ship". It is because the integrity of the yacht-herself is the main safe guard for the crew that deficiencies in the fittings and design of the boats themselves are especially significant. In any kind of racing there is always a temptation to seek speed and lightness

is the responsibility of designers, and those who make the measurement rules, to control this tempterion. There is evidence that in some cases rudder construction and hull stability did not provide an adequate safety margin, and that too little thought had been given to the problems of ensuring that a vessel can survive even after being turned completely, upside down. But it does not appear that these were crucial factors overall.

their strange and hasty decision.

The rescue operation is officially estimated to have cost the Exchequer £350,000. The lifeboat service was also heavily tested, and rescuers both in the air and at sea were put to some personal risk. It is often asked after such accidents whether yachtsmen, mountaineers and the like, should be allowed to risk their lives when the public cost of disaster is so high. The evidence in the report, as well as the strikingly good safety record of ocean racing in general confirms that it would be unfair to load official restrictions on a sport which generally adminis-ters itself well because of one wholly exceptional catastrophe.

Poverty interpretation

From Mr Paul Barker

Sir. It was interesting to see that you carried two reports on the new edition of Social Trends Your first: article (December 67 emphasised now very much better of people had become over the past 25 years. The second (December 7) said that. nonethcless, a very large number were still living in poverty or near-

poverty. The second interpretation follows in the tootsteps of Professor Townsend's recent important study, Poverty in the United Kingdom. What is at issue is, partly, the dif-ference between an "absolute" and

a relative view of poverty.

But it is almost as crucial to know how a society seems to those in it, as to know how it is. So let me add a further piece of evidence

to the argument.
New Society commissioned a national survey on how the British see themselves now (it was published in our November 29 issue). The upshot was a surprising vote of

confidence in Britain as a place to live in (even if, on the other hand, there was a certain "I'm all right,

at the expense of strength: it

Jack " spirit revealed). Without in any way wishing to undercut concern about poverty, or helion to diminish it. I do think that the combination of your first report and our survey helps explainthe country's comparative stability. harmony and pleasantness, despite all the gloom in the headlines and the economic forecasts.

Is it just complacency? Who are we to say ! Yours, etc. PAUL BARKER,

Editor. New Society, 30 Southampton Street, WC2. December 7.

Error of judgment

From Mr Edward Stanjard Sir, In your leader today (December 7) you referred to the Court of Appeal decision in Whitebouse v Jordan and another. By a majority, 13 Gayton Road, NW3.

negligence was not found and the Court held that at the most there was an error of judgment.

Everyone's ability varies from

day to day and yet we require doctors and other practitioners never to be negligent. The law tacitly admits the possibility of mistakes, even if they are negligent, in court work-judgments can be reversed on appeal and barristers have pro-

protection does not go any further. We should consider whether, in negligence actions, one could judge not the single act in question but the general conduct of the defen-dant when carrying his professional activity if his general conduct showed that the act was not an isolsted incident, then he should be liable, but not otherwise. The benefit to the patient or client would be that advisers would give clearer advice and not hadge, and doctors would act resolutely and without delay even in difficult situe-

Yours faithfully, EDWARD STANFORD,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iran

From Mr Alan Lee Williams and Mr Joseph Godson

Sir, If it is clear from the UN Security Council resolution that the question of holding diplomatic hostages is not a dispute between the US and Iran but between Iran and the community of nations, it is somewhat puzzling, to say the least, why America's friends have so far stopped short of practical collec-tive action to deal with the present diplomatic disarray such as they adopted several years ago to control sky-jacking and the anarchy on the world's airways. Are they all playing their short-sighted nationalistic game instead of combining into a common front to meet a common stant of meet a common stant of the short-sighted nationalistic game instead of combining into a common front to meet a common stant of the short-sighted short-sh

While we do not minimize the while we do not minimize the politic support, regret and sympathy in the allied capitals, the question is: are they willing after all these weeks to risk doing anything further of a concrete nature? The evidence so far, much to our evidence so far, much to our regret, was not very encouraging. Thus the Japanese feel "sorry" about the "events" in Tehran but go on buving the oil Iran used to sell the United States on the spot market in Romerdam at inflated prices. And the West German Government has criticized a US hank that most lead artists to a uses. bank that took legal action to attach Krupp for fear that this might jeoperdize their relations with Iran which supplies more than 10 per cent of West Germany's oil.

Ironically, the fear of an inter-ruption in oil supplies ought to be a major reason why other nations should be helping the US in this crisis, for the simple reason that nothing is so likely to threaten Western oil supplies as a US military response, should it ever come

While not wishing to disagree with the conclusion in your leader (December 8) that "for the time being America's best policy must be to wetch the situation develop and hope for the best ", one camor help feeling that we shall soon, perhaps sooner shan we think, reach a limit to the admirable patience which an angry American public have so far displayed. Even if all the hossages are freed, one cannot dismiss a possible backlash with serious consequences not only for Carter but for the future of US-Europe relations as well.

It would, therefore, seem to be in our joint interest that America's friends should proclaim something more than the mere formal disapproval with which they have contented themselves so far. And they should not seem to act in order they should not seem to act in order to defuse possible US criticism of allied inaction in supporting American political and economic measures against Iran. To sustain western solidarity, which the Alliance badly needs, America's friends should be able to come up with — indeed iniciate — a credible programms which would, no doubt, be welcomed by the American people in their present mental istration and ang Yours faithfully,

ALAN LEE WILLIAMS. Committee British Adamic Committee, JOSEPH GODSON, European Coordinator,

Center for Strategic and Inter-nationed Studies. Georgetown University. RUSI Building, Whitehall, SW1.

Is pornography harmful?

From Mr. O. R. Johnston Sir, Unlike some others, I have now read the report of the Home Office committee on obscenity and film censorship and had the opportunity of consultations with lewyers.

Mr Bolbrook (December 4) is

right—the committee believe they have completely demolished any evidence of the harm caused by

evidence of the harm caused by pornography by:

(a) discrediting one of the main sources (Dr John Court) in showing the inadequacy of his data at their weakest point only;

(b) consulting a very small number of psychiatric practitioners;

(c) refusing to make a full inves-(c) refusing to make a full inves-tigation of personal case histories available through columnists, and

available invoice invoices; and

(d) failing to take seriously those dimensions of cultural damage which are not susceptible (at present) of precise numerical quan-

Given these restricted parameters. it is small wonder that they return the verdict "not proven". The initial constitution of the

committee gave rise to considerable public comment which you. Sir, recorded in your columns. Your own leader of last week (November 29) put a depth charge of considerable power beneath the whole careful ructure of the argument advanced by the committee

Unfortunately it is by no means certain that the proposed legal formulae will accomplish even what the committee asserts it will do. In conclusion may I simply be graphy today is about money and about sex.

The committee show a surprising naivety about what people will do for financial gain.

As for sex, no one has yet found better arrangement than marriage for personal enrichment, care of young and general social health. (Christians will add that the Bible's teaching about the enjoyment of sex marriage alone closes other options anyway.) Yet remarkably, the significance of a vast trade in what Lord Denning has called propaganda for promiseuity and perversion " as an atrack upon marriage is completely ignored by the committee. Has society no interest in the protection of the institution of merriage? Professor Basil Mit-chell showed, in his examination of the Hart-Devlin controversy, that law rightly extends its provisions to the preservation of insti-tutions as well as of individuals. What a pity (and a coincidence?) that there was no one on the com-

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mittee to contend for social, philosophical, economic and moral realities such as these. Yours faithfully, O. R. JOHNSTON, Director. Nationwide Festival of Light.

Combining against Lord Soames's mission to Salisbury

From Lord Lamiston

Sir, It has been wise in the past to take a pessimistic view of the fortunes of Rhodesia. Is there any reason to change this point of view? Before accepting the general conclusion that the present negotiations precede success, is not it wise to

avoid disappointments and examine The darker side of the moon " Has not agreement been reached

for the following reasons:

1. Because the British Government naturally longs for a settlement.

The host countries of the Patriotic Front intensely dislike the fighting cuckoos in their nests. Effective white rule in Rhodesia is

collapsing due to emigration and the war. 4. South Africa wishes for peace on

its northern frontier, or for a situation in which it has to intervene to impose peace.
Therefore, skilful as Lord Curring-

Therefore, sidiful as Lord Curring-tion has been, the present negotia-tions have reached a successful conclusion due to encumstances, rather than the triumph of diplo-macy. It also now seems likely that the Patriotic Front accepting early that they had to reach an agreement. deliberately prolonged the con-ference for over 60 days to enable their supporters to enter Rhodesia.

What can the Governor du if he

finds elections connot be held in peaceful conditions? He has no military power at his disposal to enforce law and order. So, instead of sending a Durhom to Canada are we not risking sending a Gordon to Khartoum? A Gordon, morever, who can only be saved by South African or Rhodesian forces unless the US or UN markedly

change their tune.

How can we justify sending a Governor to call and enforce peaceable elections without the power to

Mr Jenkins and the left

Roy Jenkins has raised the vital question of the whole realignment of British politics, to many of us highly necessary and long overdue.

The weakness of British politics compared with that of the USA, s that here we have a party of the Right and the Left, there they have a party of the Right and the Centre. The weakness is amply proven by the undoubted fact that our two parties, following each other into power at intervals, seek to teur down destructively, wherever possible, the works of the other, greatly to the detriment of the community and the economy.

Worse still, a party out of power will often do its utmost to prevent the party now in Government from carrying out the programme on which it was elected. This is cur-rently evidenced by the strenuous efforts being made by Labour, extending even to marches through London led by the ex-Prime Minister, to prevent the Government carrying out its promises to cut public spending a major plank in the platform on which it was recently elected, and surely a laudable objective.

USA. There are many more objectives common to the two parties, and the strife is much less bitter than here. Furthermore, the wide gulf between the two parties here per-petuates the even wider gulf be-tween capital and labour. In the USA. relatively classless compared with us, a worker does not have the corrosive envy of those who carn more than he does, which is preva-lent here and which is fomented by

enforce anything? Should we not also realise that if he fails in his stupendous task and South Africa takes over, it takes over a state in which we have reassumed sovereign powers, ensuring that the African states will demand we reassert our authority or pay the price of eco-nomic embargoes? Are we not risking the worst of every world? In conclusion, should there be this loose talk of the elections

Lord Soames is not being sent to referee a football match but to stand powerless between warring factions in a civil war in which hatred and violence know no bounds. It is doubtful if there are even adedisconnected it there are even adequate forces to protect his life and his entourage. If we wished to intervene at this late date should we not have faced the fact we had to intervene in strength or not at all? How can it be wise to send Lord.

depending upon "goodwill"?

Soames naked, among those who will soon be his enemies?

How can it be wise to send him to reassume full sovereignty unless the local situation ensures peaceful decisions can be held. At any rate surely he should not become Governor, making sovereignty a reatity, until the ceasefire is agreed. In deed, he should not go until a peaceful healtround to the elections it. full background to the elections is guaranteed or he may be placed with the terrible dilemma of having to call elections at a time of civil strife with all the attendant danger: or of sitting powerless in Salisbury dependent for his ultimate safety on Rhodesian or South African forces while our Pan African policy collapses before his helpless eyes. am, Sir, yours sincerely.

LAMBTON, Lambton Park, County Durham.

From Mr Paul Bazalgette Sir, The current strife in the Labour Party and the theme of the recent Dimbleby Lecture delivered by Mr

Such things do not happen in the those of both extremes wishing to perpetuate this state of affairs. The American worker really does believe that he can raise himself by his own efforts—and he is right. Here the worker does not, and as things stand he is right, too.
The Labour and the Liberal par-

ties now have a golden opportunity to reform into a Centre party akin to the Democrats in the USA. They could well be joined by some left-wing Tories. They would certainly provide a possible alternative for those who have always voted Tory but could never wore for the Labour Party as presently constituted.

The sensible side of the Labour Purty should wave Mr Wedgwood Benn and his friends goodbye or they will inevitably be dragged down electorally by their neo-

Communist aims. Yours faithfully. PAUL BAZALGETTE, Cloud End.

Aldington, Kent.

From Mr David Weitzman Sir, As one who has been a member of the Labour Party for some 60 years and a member of Parliament for nearly 34 years, I welcome the letter of Mr Bryan Magee (Decem-

the party among members in the House and in the constituencies, but we never departed from what Mr Magee rightly describes as a coalition of the democratic left embracing different shades of pointing. That Indeed was our strength and appeal in the country.
I have no doubt, if the extreme

left wax solely representative of Labour, any hope of Government by the party would disappear in the foreseeable future. Is it too late for the advocates of such a policy to appreciate the

consequences that will follow? Yours faithfully. DAVID WEITZMAN, Devereux Court, Temple, WC2.

Resorting to surgery

From Dr Julian H. Jessop Sir, Dr Gould overstates his case (December 7). Castigating curative medicine as "an outdated concept" goes on to condemn aimed at patching up bodies already gravely damaged by disease.".

How true this would be, if only the owners of these bodies would accept that they have become obsolete! Unfortunately many of them, often young people with jobs and families, seem reluctant to do so. They are curiously enthusiastic about the chance of a transplant to extend their lives. Astonishingly, they derive little solace from the news that preventive measures will have eradicated their disease in a hundred years' rime,

This disparity between the needs of the patient in the surgery, and the rationalist approach of the medical philosopher is why high technology medicine will continue. Prevenue medicine is a long term strategy. It implies the pro-motion of a healthy life style by arrention to diet, exercise, avoidance of tobacco and compliance with medical screening procedures The public are notoriously resistant to campaigns aimed at such gnals. Furthermore, there are many conditions which we do not know to prevent, even given a willing public. So it will be a long time before diseases such as cardiac, renal and hepatic failure have been

eliminated.

Meanwhile, transplants provide a

In epidemiological terms, a transplant may "never make a signi-ficant impact upon the toll of premature deaths". For the in-dividual, it makes all the difference in the world. Yours faithfully

48 Croftdown Road, NW5.

From Mr P. E. G. Lort-Phillips

Answering Vatican charges From the Reverend Brocard Sewell. O Carm

Sir, The protest of the 70 signatories of the letter which you printed on December 1 surely does not question the right and duty of the Pope and of the bishops in communion with him to exercise a controlling guidance in matters of faith and morals, but is legitimately critical of certain Varican procedures. The Roman Catholic press has recorted that the Holy Office (now rather timidly disguised as the Sacred Congregation for Docurine) has appointed three examiners of Dr Schillebeeckx's works, one of whom is charged with their defence, and that the impugned theologian has been told the names of none of these three persons, so that over the three years of preliminary process he has not been able to communicate with the advocate appointed to act for him. This hardly seems a fair or sensible way of doing things.

Surely it would not be hard for the Roman church authorizes to find a "more excellent way", and

highly sought after stav of execution. A dying man does not care that facilities can only benefit "a tiny fraction of those patients whose lives might be salvaged". The he's got. Instinctively, the com-munity recognises this fact and permits the necessary funding. One day, we too may be in the same

ULIAN H. JESSOP

Sir, Mr Gould (December 7) Is of course entitled to write at length about prevention being better than cure in medicine as in other things. But I trust he will not overlook the substantial number of people for whom prevention will come too late, whose only real hope lies in a cure being found one day, but for whom medical knowledge is at present only able to prescribe palliatives. Yours faithfully, PERRY LORT-PHILLIPS. 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

a less damaging one, of handling such matters? They might perhaps find good precedents in the way that sage prelate Cardinal Bourne dealt

with the assailants of the theologian Friedrich von Hügel, and how, in the Church of England, the matter of the courageous but firmly unorthodox Bishop of Birmingham, W. E. Barnes, was handled. Probably we shall continue to be plagued with tiresome "stirs" of this kind until the Latin Church is reunited with the Eastern Churches, and the church universal is once again governed by the Pent-

archy; that is, the patriarchs of the five apostolic sees, with the Roman parriarch presiding. In the long run the present Pope may well be seen to have done more -by his recent visits to Istanbul and Ephesus-for the proper freedom of theologiars than have his servents in the Vatican bureaucracy.

Yours etc. BROCARD SEWELL, Whitefriars School, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. December 6.

Nato's nuclear weapon plans

From Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B.

Sir, The decision by Dutch MPs to reject proposals for the deployment of new nuclear missiles on their soil is regrettable but not entirely sur-prising. The Nato Council, when it meets in a few days time, will almost certainty approve plans for the deployment of cruise missiles and Pershing 2 ballistic missiles in Europe as part of the modernization

It is remarkable how many pollticians in Europe appear to be un-aware that from 1957 to 1962, the United States deployed medium-range nuclear ballistic missiles in Europe, targeted on the Soviet Union. Thor missiles were deployed in Britain on bases in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk and operated by RAF Bomber Command operated by RAF Bomber Command as an integral part of the great V-bomber force. Jupiter missiles were deployed in Italy and Turkey. In 1962, following the Cuban missile crisis, the United States unitaterally and against the advice of military experts in Europe withdrew their medium-range missiles without replacement. replacement.

No reciprocal gesture was forth-coming from the Soviet Union. On the contrary, the Soviets took advanthe contrary, the Soviets took advan-tage of the concession made by the United States to build up their SS-4 and SS-5 missife force to a peak of some 700 weapons about 150 of which are targeted on China. To this impressive total has now been added about 120 SS-20 missifes each armed with three MIRVed warheads which, in effect, gives the Soviets an additional 360 missiles. Nato has no simiar missile force targeted on

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the Soviet Union. Those who advocate delay in developing and deploying cruise missiles and Pershing 2s in Europe in a belated attempt to redress the imbalance that currently exists between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, would do well to remember that the Soviet Union makes no concessions; the negociates from strength and to she negotiates from strength and to her advantage as witnessed in the

Salt I and II treaties. As the Soviet build-up in conven-tional, chemical and nuclear forces continues unabated, it is perhaps pertinent to remind some of our Nato allies that occupation by Soviet forces would be more unpleasant and more prolonged than that which they endured from 1940 until liberated in 1945. Yours faithfully.

STEWART MENAUL, Institute for the Study of Conflict, 12, Golden Square, W1.

Going unheeded

From the Director-General of the Royal Institute of Public Administration

Sir, Lord Rothschild's frustration (December 5) is understandable at the failure of his Royal Commission on Gambling to make any visible impact on policy to date. Though he is too discrect to say so, this feeling must be familiar to him from his time in the Central Policy Review Staff, whose reports have also been liable to fell liable to fall on deaf ears and stony

ground. The problem in both cases is that of securing enough leverage to bring effective pressure to bear on people and institutions from whom changes would be inconvenient They have time on their side, in the most literal sense. For they that once a Royal Commission's May fly life is over (or, in the cuse of a body like the CPKS, when it has been given other and more urgent jobs; they will still be there -often in sole control of the field. One answer to this might be to set up a standing unit somewhere in Whitehall with the job of chasing progress on commission reports, at least for a year or two. A selectcommittee could go a complemenment muchine; indeed this could be done, for reports relating to "their" departments, by any of the new select committees.

Many more questions can be asked about the size, staffing, workmg, purpose and value of royal commissions and other outside advisory bodies. The present approach is almost totally haphazard. (Your Legal Correspondent made some interesting suggestions last year-July 11, 1976.) How established institutions can be persuaded to innovate is a question which should come fairly high on today's agenda. Lord Rothschild's suggestion of a review of the "system"not the word I would have chosen myself—makes a lot of sense. There must be many other former chairmen, members, secretaries and others with experiences to share. This Institute would be glad to help in organising any discussions of this subject. Yours faithfully.

WILLIAM PLOWDEN. Royal Institute of Public Administration. Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Not waving but drowning

From Vice-Admiral A. R. Pedder Sir, Stateswomen who use nautical metaphors without knowing what they mean should take the advice chich is available in their parties before doing so. You quote Mrs Thatcher as saying that she sees just a little bit of Jeeway abcad ". To a seaman this means that there is great danger of going on the rocks. What she means is that there is leeroom. A very different matter. Yours truly.

A. R. PEDDER. Langhursh Godalmine. Surrey.

Wolfgang Amadeus Losey From Mr Roger Machell

Sir, Anyone who has seen Peter Shaffer's Amadeus or read Mr Levin's admirable article about it Inday (December 6) will know what to expect of the film billed in New York as "Joseph Losey's Don Giovanni". Among the credit titles listed is the name of Mr Losey's ossistant. It is Salieri, Yours faithfully, ROGER MACHELL

BI Albany. Piccadilly, W1.

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Above left: St Martin's (Elizabeth Bolton): Liberty print crepe de chine, 140 cms wide, 220 per metre. Hat by Alan Couldridge (exclusively et Liberty's).

Above right: Mauve silk taffeta, 90 cms wide, approx £19 per metre.

Right: Debenhams operate an excellent pattern service free to readers who can scale up a basic shape drawn out on graph paper. All you have to do is write with an s.a.e. to Debenhams, 1 Vers Street, London, W1, clear the floor and get out your ruler. But do say which pattern it was that you liked because they do lots.







Moddwide the name of Liberty of Regent Street must atili without peer with gloss who adore beautiful materials. Whether are upholstering the sofa or yourself, there is always somet gargeous to be found. Liberty have just got together with the Cut eigenste people to do a silk collection for which they im heaven knows how many designers from all over the world to it up a style in a fabric available at the store. I was not supe with to be encouraged to deen off and buy a few metres or be detailed the expertise of the greats. It certainly sparked off the old see enthusiasm, but I do not think I am ever going to be Bill Gibb.

■ Left: Nan Caro, the Fashion Director of Simplicity/Style palt and regional director of the Fashion Group wearing one of the coulure range which will be launched on January 3. The style nur

M Above right; Belville Sessoon; Cobalt blue multi-coloured Haws print slik crepe de onine (fallen), 90 cms wide, approx 526 per m

ing shoes and hand bags, when ladies wore darts and godets and dresses from the French couture which had three separate sections under the arm, there lived a home dressmaker in Gloucester. ...

ing machine bow-kneed from morning till dark

All day long while her husband was at work she sewed and snippeted, piecing out pair of pyjamas for little her Crimplene and Courtelle Charles into your superand cotton. Stuffs had new market shopping basket and names and were very inex- a pair of jeans for the girls pensive in the days of the as you nip through Wool-But although she sewed

fine clothes for the children she herself was not very well off, a non-stock size woman wearing the pattern of a dress she had used many

She cut her clothes without waste because she had discovered that the pattern compenies estimate for the merest beginner and that when you have done a few clothes largely from necessity all you want left over is-enough for waistcoats for mice.

One bitter day near Christmas the home dressmaker of Gloucester began to make a coat, a coat of cherry coloured corded rayon embroidered with pansies and roses, which she could do on her new Jones machine, to wear to a family wedding. Most unfortunately, she got flu and had to go to bed. Most of the little brown mice who might have brown mice who might have helped out a couple of hun-dred years back had been exterminated by the local authority pest control office and her cat, Simpkin, who might have been useful in rounding up some help was 100 busy trying to work the can opener on his Kitterat.

When she felt better, it was the morning of the wedding, but there was no time to stitch together anything, so she popped into her nearest chain-store and bought a neat dress for £16.75 which to her surprise fined her perfectly well.

Which sounds like the end of the Tale. After all, if

Individuality is the spice of fashion now, a boon or a Times was speeding through curse depending on how much time and effort you want to spend putting it together. More buyers will have the chance to help their customers when next March the Individual Clothes Show, incorporating some of the brightest and best-Regance Lam, Fred Spurr, Chris Clyne, Fionné Bastick-move into the mammoth London Fashion Exhibition at Olympia. Since the showing partern in London sends most foreign buyers and press baroque (in fact I rather think my last sight of the ICS banch was in my sitting

around the globe, without I shall stay with Bea needing to be ironed, brave Potter, but, by the the face of royalty and the where is that dress I will be the control of th grandest race meeting in the from a Woman's Own/i calendar for less than £25, man Hartnell special par when it is just one from an for my debut? selection enormous. She sat at her Singer sew colours, styles and fittings; ing machine bow-kneed from when the paper pattern could have cost £2 and the material anything from £7 to £70; when you can add a

> the home dressmaker? She is alive and well and by is alive and well and buying three million paper patterns pa; 68 per cent of this market is held by Simplicity/Style whose prices range from £1.75 down to 75p (children's clothes still account for a major section of the sales. But there is an increasing volume of up-market style demand. Explains Jan Caro, the fashion director of S/S: "We have a new professional woman needing a lot of clothes now, or maybe she's the wife of a young man doing well, but not quite well enough to pay for all the things she needs if she is going to be a credit to him. A lot of the career girls make some things up themselves, but have the rest done by a dressmaker—if you can find one. This still

The most interesting point thought was that while gramies have always known the therapeutic beauty of knitting and sewing, a new generation of possibly overstressed executive girls are finding that the creative process is more unwinding at the end of a trying day than Vallum or gin. What is more, you have something more to show for your even-ing than wrinkles and a hangover.

works our much cheaper than buying in a shop at the level she feels is appropriate for her status.

Fred Perry, the greatest British tennis player yet, has just revealed that when things got on top of him he

room since The New York it too) this amalgamation of the solid base of the industry

and the fun end is most

In the days of match- you can buy and you can nipped off with the ing shoes and hand a dress which will take you from the Jack Hylton Be I shall stay with Bea

If you come across is the more trendy branche Oxfam it will not be hare recognize. I made a disasumis-thrust with the pinl shears and was forced modify my curtsey to be : that the two yards of Se tape rectifying the dan remained invisible.



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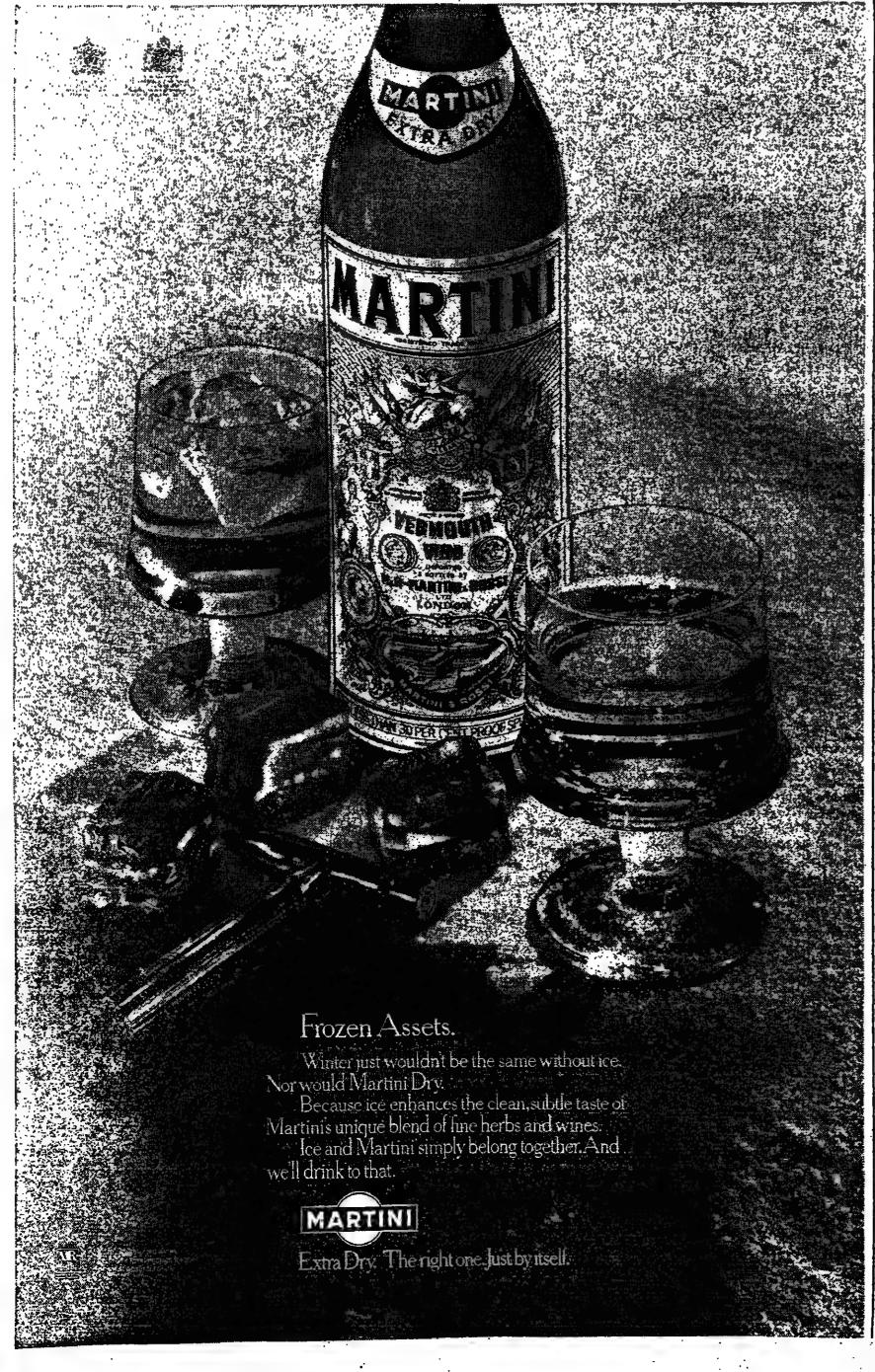
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Craham Dowson, Chakman of FVAF Advertising, was the host at a Inncheon held yesterday at the Berkeley hotel. The guest of honoor was Sir Harold Wilson, MP.

Dinners

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Industries, Nortingham; and speaks at banquer, by Lord Mayor and ham City Council, Commisse, Nortingham; 7-55.

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and the Cutty Sark, Green-Dec 10.—The Cutty Sark lade her last voyage and t she lies safely in the dry built for her alongside the Navar-College as a peril memorial to the great of salling ships. When the pall of the old clipper as mored up the Thames enwich today, the occasion one of the saddess of a to the shipbreakers.

1 in the East India Import and seen in the cold and fearly morning the Cutty semed forgotten and forlorn er upper masts and yards emed forgotten and torlorn er upper masts and yards her sides scraped, and her deck litered with tangled and baulks of timber; yet he tugs took hold of her moved slowly across the und out into the Thames, clipper seemed to assume The beautiful clean lines hull in which lay the of her speed—she could fore than 17 knots at times the modern, streamlined is coming down the river lgar and gracaless in command the small party and the clipper was Mr. Carr, the treless director laboral Maritime Museum, provided so much impetus Mr W. Pickles

A memorial service for Mr.

William Pickles was held vicerday at the London School of
Economics and Political Sciece.

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Mr Vincent Wright were be
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Mr Stanley Roy, of Kent, former managing of the Daily Telegraph. I, Sir Colin, of Plymouth, frs Johanna Edith, of

Barnes, Mr Pred, of Little Law-ford, near Rugby, 5729,085.
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Cowan, Mr William de Butts, of Dyfed, farmer, £785,412.
Sadler, Mrs Rosa Anna, of Tor-quay, £161,285.
Simmons, Mr Victor Alexander, of Basingstoke, £411,509.
Proctor, Mr Charles, of Chester-field, solicitor, £147,239.

Memorial meeting

of Ilkley, West Yorkshire, and Alice, eldest daughter of the Rev Harry and Mrs Dickens, of Gray-

The Rev S. A. Advort and Miss V. A. Saunders
The engagement is announced and Miss P. M. C. Ellis
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Marriages Major R. M. Arnold and Miss R. P. Farbridge

The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, December 7, 1979, between Major Roderick Arnold and Miss Ruth Farbridge. Mr W. E. Bray
and Mrs A. G. Bray
A service of blessing after the
marriage of Mr William Bray and
Mrs Altx Bray conducted by
Canon Ashton took place in St
James's Church, Avebury, Willshire, on December 7, 1929.

Mr C. N. Lowndes
and Miss S. M. Riddiford
The marriage of Mr Charles Noble
Lowndes, of St. John's Manor,
Jersey, to Miss Susan Mary Riddiford, of Tablelands, Martinborough, New Zealand, took place
in Sydney, Australia, on Thursday,
December 6, 1979.



Speaker The Speaker gave a luncheon vesterday in Speaker's House in honour of M Charles Ferdings Lady Rowlandson Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson

Farringson Ward Cub the Farringson Ward Club dined at Haberdashers' Hall yesterday after a carol service at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great. Mr Derek Kemp, president, and Mrs Kemp welcomed the guests, who included:

The Master of the Powterers' Company and Mrs. Pleacy, the Master of the Bartholes' Company and Mrs. Pleacy, the Master of the Acotheces's Bocisty and Lady Weissenbeime. Hild Government
Viscount Trenchard, Minister of
State, Department of Industry,
was host at a luncheon given at
Watermen's Hall in nonon of the
visit of the Chinese government's
export delegation headed by Mr
Jia Shi, Vice-Minister of Foreign
Trade for China. Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor and Lady

mmyorus souterbained the follow-ing greets at inntheon at the Mansion House restering.

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Facmers' Company
Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips,
accompanied by Captain Mark
Phillips, was present at the Autumn
Livery Dinner of the Farmers'
Company held at Saddlers' Ball
less night, as which the Master, Mr
R. J. Barrison, presided, assisted
by the Wardens, Mr C. G. Metson,
and Mr M. H. Einton. The speakers were Barl Ferrers, Sir Henry
Plumb and the Master. Among
those present were the Masters of
the Saddlers' and Watermen and
Lightermen's Companies and representatives of agricultural associations. Royal Institute of Chemistry
The President of the Royal Institute of Chemistry Professol
R. O. C. Norman, held a luncheon
party of 30 Russell Square yester
day. The guests included:
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R. Riber No. 8 P. A. Robinson,
Mr R. Riber No. 8 P. A. Robinson,
Mr R. Thompson, Lar R. A. Henman and De Sele Parker.

Old Quadidian Chin Old Qualitation than The Administration of the Old Quantition Club was held last night it. Simpsons in the Strand. Mr. J. M. Pickard, president of the club, was in the chair and the guests included:
Major the Hon. Str. Clive Bosson. Mr. Donald Methren. De Barry Trannell. Hoodmaster of Cumile School, Mr. Alan G. Rayden. Mr. Nichael Thyne, and Mark Adams, head ar school.

Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained
Viscount Amory to dinner last
night at the House of Commons.
Mr David Heathcost Amory was in

Service Dinner

Liverpool Royal Artillery
The Lord Lieutemant of Merseyside amended the amusal St
Barbara's dinner of the Liverpool
Royal Artillery Officers Club, beld
resupping in confirmation with the Royal Artillery Officers Club, beld yesterday in conjunction with the Lancastrire Artillery Volunteers in the officers mess, Altear Training Camp. Brigadier Sir Douglas Crawford presided. Major-General J. R. Cordingley, chairman of the Management Board of the Royal Artillery Association, was the principal guest and Brigadier J. Rigby, Commander 23 Artillery Group, was among others present.

"But it is not in that capacity that we meet to remember him. He had good fortune in commerce and finance. But we are here to remember him as a friend; because we loved him "He was a lovable man, a simple man. He did not think it necessary, like some, to show off his new wealth in vulgar ostentation. He lived Sandhurst commissions

By Trevor Fishlock

kindness.

The first Lord Thomson of Fleet, Roy Thomson,

a strange and adventurous man from nowhere ". was remembered by family, friends and

colleagues yesterday at the unveiling of a memorial to his assonishing life and warm character.

A plaque in Welsh slate was unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral by Mr Harold Macmillan who, in eloquent tribute, noted Lord Thomson's business genius and celebrated his

"He was unique", Mr Macmillan said. "In the first part of his life he was unsuccessful in almost everything he undertook. In the second part he never failed. "There were many spheres of his work, whether in newspapers, books, carol

services, North Sea oil, television—everything he touched seemed to succeed. Yet be must have taken great and sometimes formidable risks.



"That is what we are here to remember today: not his worldly success, but the almost un-worldly side of him. We are here to commem-orate him as a kind and lovable friend."

Science report

Lord and Lady Thomson with Mr Macmillan after the unveiling at St Paul's Cathedral.

Lord Thomson commemorated

Cell biology: Versatile interferon

By the Staff of Nature The natural antiviral product, interferon, is proving to be extraordinarily versatile. As well as defending the body against viral infections, it may well be able to slow down the growth of remours. Interferon is a potent antiviral protein, produced when virues infect animal and human cells. Ever since it was discovered scientists have been trying to find ways of developing interferon as a much needed antiviral drug, but until recently clinical trials were severely restricted by the severely restricted by the extremely small quantities of interferon available and its low purity.

Development over the past few years of techniques for producing relatively large amounts of interferon led to one of the most convincing demonstrations of its efficacy. That was its effect against the severe sliggles often seen, for example, in patients undergoing radiotherapy for But interferon is also said to have a range of effects other than those against viruses. The most interesting clinically are assertions that it linhibits the growth of tumours. However, those are based on experiments with preparations that contained so more than 1 per cent interferon, and so it was always open to question whether the results were due to interferon itself. whether the results were due to interferon itself.

Now Dr lon Gresser and his colleagues from the Institut de Recherches Scientifiques sur Cancer in Villejuif, France, have repeated some of the experiments in animals with pure preparations

They find, encouragingly, that the claims still stand up. So those now conducting trials on the possible therapeutic effects of interferon against cancer can at least be reassured that they are much fafter they can be killed normal and cancer cells multiply so much fafter they can be killed before the side-affects on the interferon produces all those the side-affects on the latter of the side-affects of the latter of the lat the claims still stand up. So those now conducting trials on the not on a completely wrong track.

The next question is how interferon produces all those different effects. An upsurge of work over the past two years has identified several of the bloomer of the produced produced the produced produced the produced produc chemical perhways on which interferon acts, all leading eventually to the suppression of the machinery by which a cell decodes its genetic messages and translates them into procein.

The key to that supression is a small molecule, known as 2,52, whose synthesis is stimulated by interferon and which seems to be

interferon and which seems to be the active factor in inhibiting virus multiplication.

At a meeting on interferon held in New York recently Dr B. R. Williams and Dr I. N. Kerr, from the United Kingdom Medical Research Council's Matient Institute for Medical Kerr, from the United Kingdom Medical Research Council's National Institute for Medical Research in London, who first characterized 2,5A, reported that it could inhibit varus multiplication in infected cells even in the absence of interferon.

As a result of the work of many laboratories, the complex biochemical pathways through which 2,5A is produced and has its effect are well on the way to being worked out in detail.

The molecule 2,5A has also been implicated in the effect of interferon inhibits the growth and multiplication of both normal and tumour cells, and that could be

However, Interferon's proposed antitumour activity may well be mediated in more subtle ways. At the New York meeting various effects of interferon on the body's immune defence system and their possible relevance to antitumour action were discussed. Interferon apparently activates a set of cells of the immune system known as natural killer cells, which some immunologists are proposing as immunologists are proposing as one of the body's defences against cancer cells in particular.
Tumour cells are known to induce normal white blood cells to make interferon, thus raising the intriguing possibility that interferon is one of the natural defence mechanisms against tencer.

Interferon is now big husiness. In the search for cheaper and more pleatiful supplies the genetic engineers are bying to construct bacteris containing the gene for interferon in the hope that they can be induced to produce it in large amounts.

Source: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 76, 5308: 1979; meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, held from October 23 to 26, 1979 (reported in Nature, 282, 364; 1379).

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OBITUARY SIR CECIL MEAD Major role in computer industry

1900. He served in the RNVR ill-health can his term of office during the First World War and in 1924, he joined BTM, the largest of the constituent companies which make up the present ICL. By 1955 he was managing director, and when BTM joined with Powers-Sames to make ICT, he was its first try; and for some years he was managing director.

In 1960 he resigned his interest, the encouragement of

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Sir Cecil Mead, who died on again as managing director, and December 9 at the age of 78, the next year he was made was one of the founders of the barrier and chief executive. British computer industry. He in 1961, shortly before he was born on December 24, was due to retire, a spell of 1900. He served in the RNVR ill-health can his term of office

managing director.

In 1960 he resigned his interest the encouragement of executive role to become deputy business studies and education, chairman. But difficult days. He had been an energetic chair-Foundation for Management

MR HERBERT DE LEON

London's best-known and most respected theatrical and film agents, died in London on quierly and simply. And he was a humble man He was never attacked by that strange megalomania which seems to hauot some men. He did not think he had divine inspiration to solve all economic and political problems.

"He picked men, sometimes brilliantly, sometimes not so well; but whether they served him well or ill he never let anybody down. He never punished a man for what he believed was his own fault.

"Through his sympathy and simplicity he December 8 at the age of 74. He had been ill for four years He had been ill for four years but worked almost to the end,
De Leon was born in Panagus in 1905. His family came to England and he was educated privately in Brighton, When he left college, he trained as a concert singer in London, Paris and Vienna and for some years was Vienna and for some years was "Through his sympathy and simplicity be became a great leader. Behind those thick spectacles, which gave him a look of almost Pickwickian dignity, there was a penetrating glance. But that nover altered his kindness. a professional singer. But his brother Jack had started the Q Theatre in 1924. De Leon became fascinated with the theatre and in 1929 started a film agency. Later he was to go into partnership with Frederick Joschim and they formed a theatrical agency. But de Leon was a "loner" and decided to start up on his own.

Herbert de Leon Ltd was for years the biggest and most important of the "one man" agencies. His methods were unorthodox but highly successful. professional singer. But his

orate him as a kind and lovable friend."

The unveiling was attended by Lord Thomson of Fleet, and Lady Thomson, by the Hon David Thomson and the Hon Lynne Thomson, by Mrs E. Lavis, the second Lord Thomson's mother-in-law, and by other members of the Thomson family, Prayers were said by the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Alan Webster. The plaque, a slab of North Wales slate, was inscribed by Mr David Kindersley.

Mr Herbert de Leon, one of seven years, de Leon never had a contract with any of his espected theatrical and film clients. If they did not want to stay with him, he did not want to stay with him, he did not want

them to. them to.

This honesty and integrity paid off. Over fifry years the famous were at times represented by him. They included Greer Garson, Margaret Lockwood and her daughter Julia, Anna Neagle, Wilfrid Hyde White. Patricia Hayes, Jean Kent, Dora Bryan, Jack Hulbert and Circly Courmeidge. and Cicely Courtneidge. In 1934 he attended an end-

of-term production at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He was enthralled by the performance of a young teenager and astrounded that she did not get any award. He immediately approached her and offered to represent her. The youngster was Margarer Lockwood and when de Leon died forty five years later he was still her agent and still without a conwas enthralled by the perior-In 1961 Hazel Mayhew joined

agencies. his methods were un-orthodox but highly successful. his organization and became a Unlike his competitors who tied up artistes often for as long as married in July 1975.

resented that constituency for

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the remainder of his life in the House of Commons. In 1937 he was appointed an Assistant Whip (unpaid) and also a Junior Lord of the Treasury. From 1938 to 1939 he was Vice-Chamberlain and from 1939 to 1942 was Treasurer of HM Household. From 1942 to 1945

he was Assistant Postmaster-General, and in 1945 Parliamen-

LORD GRIMSTON OF WESTBURY Lord Grimston of Westbury, Division of Wiltshire, and rep-

who as Mr Robert Grimston, and from 1952, Sir Robert Grimston, Bt, was Conservative MP for Westbury from 1931 to 1954, died on December 8 at the age of 82. During the Second World War he was Assistant Posmaster-General, Robert Villiers Grimston was born on June 8, 1897, the eldest born on June 8, 1897, the eldest son of the Rev and Hon Robert Grimston, a former Canon of St Albans. He was educated at Repton and the City and Guilds Engineering College and gradu-ated BSc from London Univer-sity. In 1916 he was commis-sioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery and during the following years of war saw active service with it in Saloniku and Palestine. In 1923 he married late Sir Sigismund Neumann, BL Of the marriage there were

tary Secretary, Ministry of Supply. From 1962 to 1964 he was a Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. He had also, in 1441-42, been Commander of the Parliamentary Home Guard. He was made a Baronet in 1952 and in 1964 on his retirement from the Commons, was created 1st Baron Grimston of District Councils Association.

he was President of the Urban Grimston stood as a Conservative in 1931 for the Westbury Sigismund Grimston, is the heir.

MISS E. A. FRANCIS

Miss Elizabeth A. Francis, later was elected to a Fellow-formerly Fellow and Tutor of ship. She was appointed to a St Hugh's Colleg, Oxford, died University Lectureship in 1939 St Hugh's College, Oxford, died on December 9, at the age of 84. Elizabeth Annie Francis was born in 1895. She was educated privately and at Reigate High School and in 1914 won a scholarship to University College, London. After taking her BA degree in French she worked in the Ministry of Pensions until 1919, when she returned to University College to work

but as the Lectureship was suspended during the war, she did not take it up until 1945. She served for several years on the Board of the Faculty of

Modern Languages, Elizabeth Francis was a specialist in twelfth-century Anglo-Norman Literature: she edited Wace. Vie de Sainte Marguerite (Les Classiques Français du Moyen until 1919, when she returned to University College to work for the degree of MA. She also to various English and foreign studied for a time in Paris, at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, under Mario Roques, and held temporary teaching posts at the University of Lausanne and at Royal Holloway College. Holloway College. Holloway College. Holloway College. Holloway College. Holloway College. Holloway College Posts in Mario Randon College Posts in of the Angle-Norman Text Society and of the Angle-

London.
In 1924 she was appointed 1957 and in 1961 was elected tutor in French at St Hugh's by her College to an Emeritus College, Oxford, and two years

Fellowship.

SIR F. R. PEEL

vern College and Pembrol.e College, Cambridge, He won the MC with the Royal Field Artillery in the First World War, and then joined the Liver-

Sir Francis Richard Jonathan
Peel, CBE, MC, Chief Constable
of Essex for 29 years from 1933
died on December 6, four days
before his 82nd birthday.
Peel was educated at Mulseveral committees. Peel was awarded the CRE in 1943, and in 1952 received

the King's Police Medal. Seven years later he was created a Knight,

Court of Appeal

Law Report December 10 1979

Customs authorities right to forfeit 1,500 smuggled Krugerrand

Allgemeine Gold und Silberscheideanstalt v Customs and
Excise Commissioners
Before Lord Denning Master of
the Rolls, Lord Justice Eridge and
Sir David Cairus
"Goods" in the Customs and
Excise Act, 1952, includes gold,
silver, bulkon and coins including
Krugerrand. Where, therefore,
three men were found smuggling
1.500 Kruggerand into England in A Eucharist wark the retirement of the Archief of Canterbury, the Most is o

the spare tyre of a car they were liable to forfeiture under the Act and the customs authorities had a discretion whether to return them to persons who might prove that to persons who might prove that they were the true owners.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Aligemeine Goldmid-Silberscheideanstalt, of West Germany, from the order of Mr. Justice Donaldson in March, 1978, dismissing their claim for the return of 1,500 Krugerrand and that judgment be enfered for the customs and Excise Commissio-Customs and Excise Commissioners on their counterclaim that the Krugerrand be condemned as

The Customs and Excise Act.
provides by section 44: "Where
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to decrive an officer, those
goods shall be liable to
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of interferon.

ferry in two cars and found 1,500

Krugerrand in the spare tyre of the cars. Although Kruger- and could be used as a means of payment in South Africa, their use in the intervational field at least was simply as a piece of gold which one could buy and keep as an investment. Each Krugerrand contained one ounce of fine gold. Their Lordships had been took the court had been took that each was now worth £260, so in the spare tyre was £300,000 worth in Krugerrand.

The three men were prosecuted under section 304 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, because they were knowingly concerned in a fraudulent evasion or attempted evasion of the prohibitions of our customs law because to import Krugerrand in that way was absolutely prohibited. One would have thought that in our Crown Court they would plainly be guilty.

But a point arose about the Common Market. Arricle 30 of the Treaty of Rome provided: "Quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect shall, without prejudice to the following provisions, be prohibited between member states." In ordinary in a sum and further sums member states." In ordinary in a sum and further sums in costs.

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when goods were intricted and the true owner subsequently turned up, the customs authorities were given a wide discretion under section 288 of the 1952 Act. But all the court was now concerned an the court was whether the customs authorities were entitled to forfeit the Krugerrand as they did, Mr. Blom-Cooper said that the Krugerrand were not "goods" within section 44 and that the European Court had view the bed view that Court had virtually held that they were not "goods" for their pur-poses. He asked the court to say poses. He asked the court to say that they were not goods for the purpose of section 44. That depended on the interpretation of, "goods" in the section Did they or did they not include Krugerrand.

To overcome the effect of that long series of statutes Mr Blom-Cooper suggested in reply that by

Neither the 1952 Acr nor the Sale of Goods Act, 1893, helped very much. Mr Archer had referred very much. Mr Archer had referred the court to a series of Customs Acts starting in 1833 and going on to 1876, 1932 and 1939, and from reading them together, it was as plain as could be that in them the word "goods" did include gold, silver, coin and bullion: and when they were excluded they were excluded they were excluded they were excluded by express words. So they had fallen for duty as "goods" unless expressly exempt.

To exercise the effect of they

These three smugglers gave us. The control dud cheques purporting to be for \$120,000, and we let them have the Krugerrand. So the Krugerrand belong to us, not to the smugglers. The company asked that the Krugerrand should not be forfested but returned to them as the innocent owners.

His Lordship would say used when goods were forfested and the true owner subsequently turned up, the customs authorities were given a wide discretion under section 238 of the 1952 Act, But all the court was now concerned. It was also said that the Krugerrand. It was also said that the Krugerrand. It was also said that the Kruger-rand should not be forfeited when the German company was the true owner; that that was contrary to the European Convention of Human Rights and international

Though the Convention was not part of our English law the courts and of our engues have the courts and pay attention to it. Article 1 of the first protocol to the Convention provided that every natural or legal person was entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions and that no one should be deprived of his possession average in the public letters. sion, except in the public interest.

But because of that limitation and the fact that the article said that

the fact that the article sand that it should not impair the right of any state to control the use of property in the general interest, there was nothing invalid in a state under its customs laws for feiting property brought into the country in breach of those laws. Nor did his Lordship find anything in international law to make the forfeiture under section 44 unjustified; and he put Community law on one side as it seemed to him that the decision in Luxembourg depended on very and because.

special Community circumstances and did not invalidate the 1952 Act.

feithble to the Crown because they were snuggled in it was a matter for the customs authorities discretion whether they should yee fit, if the German company's claim was good, to return them to the German company. The appeal should be dismissed. LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE, concurring, said that he folled to see how the Exchange Control Act, 1947, which might at certain points overlap with customs control, could possible be read as having amended the curtier customs statutes in regard to the meaning

of the word "goods" if its meaning in those Acts was wide enough to include gold and oliver. Nor could any assistance be derived from the of the smigglers.
SIR DAVID CAIRNS, also concurring, has of opinion, looking at customs legislation from 1833 on-wards, that "goods" in the 1952 Act included gold coins such as Krugerrand.

The decision of the European Court that Krugerrand were capital merch meant that they were not "goods" to which arneles 30 to 37 of the Treaty of Rome applied.

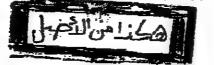
not that they were not goods at : !!, and certainly not that they were not goods for the purpose of an English Customs A. I. Leave to appeal was refused. Solicitors: Princhard, Englefield & Tobbs and Bockendge & Brune. Solicitor for Customs LET THE GIN BE HIGH & DRY! Really Dry Gin

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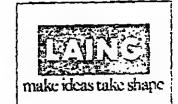
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BUSINESS NEWS



Stock markets FT Ind 419.2 up 3.6 FT Gilts 63.30 down 0.16

Sterling \$2.1670, down 0.05 cents Index 68.8, down 0.4

Dollar Index 85.1, down.0.4.

Gold \$431.50 an ounce, up

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Energy ministers agree limits on imports of oil from next year

From Nicholas Hirst Energy Correspondent

Ministers for the leading western nations and Japan agreed for the first time last night to impose individual oil amount sergers on themselves. backed up by a regular monitor-ing system to test their effec-

oacked up by a regular monitoring system to test their effectiveness.

The agreement, at the 20-nation international Energy Agency meeting in Paris, was welcomed as "a very positive achievement" by Mr Charles Duncan, the United States Energy Secretary, but it was clear that neither the Americans not the British had got all they wanted from the meeting.

Details of the compromise agreed will, however, be conveyed to delegates to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries which is meeting in Caracus next week to fix oil prices. The message from IEA is that the West and Japan is clearly trying to conserve energy in the hope that modernates within Opec will succeed in keeping oil price rises to a minaroum.

Mr. Flavid Hones in the control of the clearly trying to conserve an interpring oil price rises to a minaroum.

David Howell, the British Bnergy Secretary, thought the central issue was Into the central issue was to try to defuse the growing trend by Open countries to sell oil on contract, but at the high prices ruling on the spot marker at the date of delivery. This he thought was the chief danger behind a possible spiral-line of sell-series and the chief danger behind a possible spiral-line of sell-series. line of prices next year above the record levels already rul-ing. Even as he was speaking in

the meeting he was receiving telegrams from all composies negociating for next year's supplies from Iran reporting demands for \$10 a barrel higher than the ruling Opec race of up to \$36 a barrel. These levels, if agreed, will mean sharp in-creases in petrol prices. Shell and BP are among the companies called in by Iran to

Mr Howell had obviously

Opec than other countries were prepared to agree.
Discussions at the meeting had concentrated on the Ameri-

cans' attempts to get agreement to a lowering of the 1980 import targets which the British had been against on the grounds that it was footish to try to fine-tune the level of imports before the state of world oil supplies had become clear.

Before the meeting the Americans had pressed hard for a reduction in the Tokyo limit of 24.5 million barrels a day of imports for IEA countries in 1980 on the basis that the ceiling had become too lax in the face of likely recession The United States had also

wanted punitive action to be taken against countries which ransgressed their agreed ceil-ngs and for an agreement to But Mr Duncan appeared satisfied that the commitment for the first time for individual and for a quarterly monitoring system by the IEA governing board and whether the 1980 callings set earlier this year by world leaders in Tokyo and the goals for 1985 were adequate was a significant step forward.

The targets for 1980 include a cening of her imports of 12 million tonness of oil by the United Kingdom; 7.4 million tonness by Canada; and 437.2 million tonness by the United States, equal to 8.5 million barrels a day.

For 1985 the target fixed at Tokyo had been reduced from 25 million barrels a day to 24.5

26 million berrels a day to 24.6 million bearers at day.
Ministers are to meet again in the first quarter of 1980 to begin the monitoring process of the fixed targets.

The IEA communique said the governing board at official level would develop a system of consultation of stock policies. It would evaluate the level of emergency reserves and consider additional measures leading to a coordinated approach to stock markets by member country governments, companies

Clearing banks staffs set up breakaway union

By David Felton Labour Reporter Industrial relations in the London clearing banks were thrown into confusion last night with the announcement that the

with the announcement that the staff associations at Barclays. National Westminster and Lloyds are to merge to form a Clearing Banks Union.

The new union, which will have about 93,000 members, is expected to be set up in the New Year, It will not be affiliated to the TUC because the rival Banking Insurance and Finance Union already has TUC recognition. Finance Union already has TUC accepted the Johnston report, but BIFU, while accepting the Last night's announcement six main principles, wanted secretary of the Barclays Group was the outcome of the break working parties to be set up to Staff Association, said: "If we

going on for more than two vears to create one union for banking and finance

industry
The discussions resulted in two reports from Dr Tom John-ston, chairman of the Scottish Manpower Services Commission, the second of which recommended the setting up of recommended the setting up of motion to form a new union, a new TUC-affiliated union for The stelf associations at Lloyds the whole industry out of a and National Westminster then stafi associations.

examine questions of detail. joint meeting last mouth when the staff associations asked BIFU to return to joint negotiating machinery

BIFU refused and arqued that it was only by withdraw-ing from joint machinery in announced that they were with-drawing from the Johnston dis-

to resolve the parts of the Johnston report that EIFU does not like, we could see an interminable wrangle and our members in the banks are looking for an end to the wrangling". He said the decision to an it sione had been taken at a meeting yesterday of the staff associations' executive committees. The executives have already drawn up a draft consti-tution which will be put out to

ballot to staff association mem-bers. If the new union is agreed to by the members, the ap-proval of the Certification Officer for Trade Unions will be

Mr Gale said that the associ amons had asked Dr. Johnston to tiry and being BIFU back into the fold ". This appears very un likely and lost night there was speculation in banking circles that the association's move might lead to a bitter recruit ment war between BiFL and Mr Clive Jenlans's Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Statts which has membership in Midland Earl. Mr Leff Mills, general secre-tory of RIFU, which has 120 0000 members, said last night; "This is just window descring. "We remain committed to one staff body for the industry".

Choice of finance director to head US defends stand on NEB will strengthen links with City Iran to central banks

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor
The National Enterprise
Board announced yesterday
that it had appointed Mr Ian
Halliday as thief executive. He
will take up his duties at the
beginning of February.
His recruitment to the newly
treated post, approved by

created post, approved by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, appearantly follows an approach from Sir Arthur Knight, the new chair-man of the NEB, and will further strengthen the links between the board and the City. between the board and me Ury.
Mr Halliday, also, has considerable Whitehall experience and spent three years on secondment from his company, Leslie & Goodwin (Holdings), as deputy director of the Department of Industry's Industrial

Development Unit.
Mr Halliday, who is finance director of Lloyds, was involved in important financial aid schemes carried through by the Department of Industry during 1974-77, under the terms of Section 8 of the Industry Act, Apart from sectoral aid schemes which came before the

IDU during that time the was also involved in British Leyland, Chrysler UK, and several others. His main involvement was

with Ferranti, one of the three companies in which the NEB is scheduled to dispose of its sharsholdings before the end of the financial year to provide over £100m for the Exchequer. When he takes up his appointment, the NEB is expected to have made considerable pro-



Mr Ian Halliday: will strengthen links between NEB and the

the Fairey Engineering Group.
His period of office may coincide with the enactment of
the Industry Bill now before
Parliament which will substantially after the NEB's scope

Apart from the changes in the board's operations after the passing of the Bill, Mr Halliday and the new board will be involved next year in the transfer of its boldings in Rolls-Royce to the Department of Industry. It was the decision to carry through the transfer that led to the resignation of

Under the provisions of the Bill. Sir Keith Joseph will have the power to appoint a chief executive, but it was emphasized last night that Mr Halliday had been appointed with the approval of Sir Keith on the normal NEB service con-

Mr John Caines, formerly secretary of the NEB on secondment from the Civil Service during Sir Leslie Murphy's period of office, has been confirmed as deputy chief executive of the organization.

Western central bankers mat

today for their regular monthly meeting here under the shadow of the economic war between the United States and

The appearance here of Mr Paul Voicker, chairman of the redit volcker, chairman of the Pederal Reserve Board, sugges-ted that the United States was using the meeting as yet another forum to try to obtain support for its policies from its partners in the West.

'Although showing sympathy for the Americans' predicament, European governments and monetory authorities have been privately critical of United States ractics.

It was thought that Mr Voicker, in making one of the infrequent visits of a Federal Reserve Board chairman to Basle, had been sent to smooth Whether he will achieve more

than just expressions of soli-darity must be open to question. The Europeans see the use by the United States of the money weapon against Iran as a pan-dora's box full of unknown implications for an already uninternational monetory order. For Britain, however, the

For Britain, however, the bankers' meeting was clearly of secondary importance to today's visit to London by Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State. Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, was reported to have left Basle early to attend discussions with Mr Vance.

action brought against the French branch of the American Citibank by the Iranian central bank for refusing to rules e \$50m. The Iranian bank applied for the money, converted into sterling, on November 19, but Citibank said then that it could not receive the order.

M Francois Cheron argued for the Iranians that banks ject to French law and could not therefore oney the American decision to freeze Iraniar 755#LL

M Jean-Claude Dubarry for Citibank said that the Iranians originally placed the money on deposit until December 19 und repealed that instruction on November 3. Therefore the decision had been taken not to release the money and there was no way of knowing what decision Cicibank would take on Ropald Pullen writes: Chase

explain more fully the position of United States banks in the \$500m loan to Iran which has been declared in default because of Iran's failure to meet a half-yearly interest

At a weekend meeting of the 11 banks involved in the foan Chase emphasized that it had to freeze on Iranian assets, it was the latest of a series of meet-ings where non-American hanks encouraged by Iran's apparent commitment to meet its inter-national obligations, have argued that the American banks have been precipitate in

Grave situation on steel Continued from page 1

structed their union officials to begin negotiating redundancy

terms as soon as possible. For 12 months nearly 10,000 Corby steelmen have been campaigning against clopure plans which. BSC claims, can save £40m a year by bringing in steel from outside sources to continue rube-making at Corby.

Mr John Cowling the national executive member of the ISTC at Corby, said: The large majority of our 6,500 members have told me they went me to start negotiating redundancy terms. Corby has lost the battle for steelmaking." But he added: "The Corby workers will still be joining the

Our Industrial Editor writes: Sir Charles Villers, BSC char-man, admitted last night that the corporation was "absolutely

bust."

He indicated that the possibility of an improved pay offer which might avert the rhreatened national strike was remote.

"We are absolutely bust. We do not have the money. We are saying that it has to be earned at local level through better productivity." Sir Charles said.

He was speaking after a long He was speaking after a long meeting of the corporation's policy board—which includes six made union nominated directors—and steadfastly refused to be drawn on what decisions the board had maken "I really

the board had taken. "I really do not have anything to say", he said.

But he explained, the board would be issuing a statement later this week which is likely to be authorized after the TIC. to be published after the TUC steel industry committee has met Industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph on Thursday

6p to 366p 5p to 296p 2p to 110p 10p to 600p 14 to 174p

6p to 242p 5p to 139n 5p to 63p 6p to 63p 2p to 27p

PRICE CHANGES

Unicorp may become wholly-owned offshoot of General Mining

Discussions announced yes-terday between General Mining and Union Corporation, two South African mining finance houses, could lead to Unicorp becoming a wholly owned sub-sidiary of General Mining. At the request of both companies, dealings in their shares were

General Mining already controls about 51 per cent of Unicorp. As the results of a fiercely fought battle in 1975. the company bought a control-ling interest which has subse-quently been increased to the present level:

If the new deal goes through, the group will have combined assets of approximately £500m, making it the second biggest mining house in South Africa. Terms for the General Mining acquisition of the remainder of Unicorp's shares have been under negotiation for some time. The details may well be available within the next week, and are expected to consist of an all-paper offer.

The move is not a great surprise to the City, which has been expecting a consolidation of Afrikaaner mining interests

for several months. General Mining has now paid off the \$85m Eurolosa with which it financed the first tranche of Unicorp's shares, partly be-cause of the profits earned from the high gold price. The mining house is itself 62.5 per cent convolled by Federate Mynbou.

The move has generated speculation in the City that the merged company will hid for Consolidated Gold Fields, or its subsidiary, Gold Fields of South

Although the identity of the buyer or buyers of Gold Fields' shares during the last two months is will unknown, speculation is that this Afrikaaner group is at least partly respon-

Unicorp will continue to operate as a separate unit. But there is a warping that a dramatic change in the gold price could upset the scheme of arrangement under discussion. Unicorp shares are largely held within South Africa, leaving perhaps only 10 per cent outside, of which half are estimated to be in the United Kingdom.

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Promise of action soon on BL funds By Edward Townsend

future public funding of BL was promised yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry. The company, meanwhile, is continuing to plan ahead in the hope of a favourable government reply before Christmas.

Sir Keith said in the Commons that he received the BL 1980 corporate plan on Decem-ber 5. The plan envisages public funding additional to ther shready provided to British
Leyland", he said. "I am considering the proposals and shall
make a statement as soon as

The company is seeking con-firmation of the provision of £225m of state funds for 1980, the last tranche under the original £1,000m Ryder plan, plus a further sum of about £200m to cover its wide-ranging redundancy and streamlining The major call on funds next year will be the planned de-velopment of the Cowley plant to build a new small car in collaboration with Honda of Japan. The project is expected to cost between 590m and \$100m and the car. code-named collaboration with Bonda of which may be treated as a pay Japan. The project is expected norm for the public sector to cost between 190m and However, it has to decide on an \$100m and the car. code-named allowance for pay rises before Bounty, is planned to be on setting cash limits. It would also sale in 1981.

Move to curb civil service rises By Caroline Atkinson The Government intends to set a cush limit for civil service pay increases before pay negoti-

ations with civil service unions bave begun. An overall figure for pay rises (excluding the Armed Forces) will be set at first, with the amount distri-bured between departments after many of the settlements have been reached. Under the proposals it will he easier for the Government to squeeze departmental spend-

ing through the application of tight cash limits than otherwise. The Treasury presented a memorandum outlining the changes to the House of Commons Public Accounts committee vesterday. Last year and the year before the Government had an official pay policy. This made it easier

to set cash limits for the public sector, as it was assumed that the pay policy limits would be adhered to in public sector p. v. This year however the Government has to decide on the likely or acceptable level of pay rises in the public sector in the absence of a guiding pay norm for the economy as a whole. The Government is anxious to avoid giving a figure

unions to accept lower settleif the

Government sets a figure which turns out to be too low, then the strict application of cash limits will squeeze spending volumes. Under the old system of setting cash limits for Government departments the squeeze would hit departments indiscriminately. This with a higher proportion of labour costs in total costs, or with a higher proportion of overtime worked would he forced to cut back volumes. The new procedures would

allow the Government to allo-cate the total allowed for civil service pay awards among the individual departments when the cost to each is better The Government proposes to eive the total amount allowed for civil service pay rises after it has received evidence from

the Pay Research Unit on the rises which non-industrial civil servants should get to keep up with comparable private sector employees. First indications of the pay research exercise this year point to pay rises of about 17-18 per cept. The Government will almost

certainly not endorse rises of this size. The Treasury will also take into account the Governflationary expectations, This will come w f come with the

the spring. The allocation hetween departments will probably be made in June or July. It will be presented to Parliament in the form of estimates, before Parliament has to vote on the

first main estimates.
Since last year the system of cash limits has been brought into line with the parliamentary control over voted expenditure, with the intention of reducing the number of supplementary estimates presented for parliementary approval. The Government will try to make the original cash limit for the pay awards stick, even if it awards stick, even if it assumes a lower pay figure than eventually achieved. Industrial civil servants have

their settlement date on July 1 while non-industrial civil servants, who are covered by pay research, settle on April 1. The Government will be in a better position to suess the likely settlements of the latter when it makes its cash limit decisions. The National Health Service and Armed Forces are not in-cluded in the proposed new cash

limit.

The cash limits for local authorities and the borrowing of nationalized industries have already been fixed. They implied a squeeze of 2-3 per cent on the previously published vol-ume plans for public spending. The best laid plans, page 19

Small company's founder undaunted by problems of giant enterprise

Knowledge and success are the hallmarks of the engineer with designs on BL trucks He first started work with his lather, contracting. He puts this down to his British Leyland is not run by a single

person but by a lot of very competent people at all levels and what management seeks to provide is the right plan and the right environment for these people to succeed. If British Leyland is contracting at a time of boom then there is some-thing wrong that could be put right That broadly, is the kind of engaging logic that Mr David Brown, chairman of DJB Engineering of Peterles, Co Durham, will employ in discussions with BL's executive vice chairman, Mr David Andrews, when they meet today to discuss Mr Brown's bid for BL's truck and bus

operation. By any standards, the contrast between DJB and BL Trucks is marked. The Peterlee company has a turnover of £25m. and 620 employees and BL Trucks a turnover of £500m and a labour force of Is Mr Brown daunted at the prospect of leading such a big business? Not a

bit. His view is that while the problems are bigger and the numbers of people involved are greater, the people helping to solve them are more numerous.

Mr Brown is stocky, 54-years-old, outspoken and a Yorkshireman. His parents were of farming stock on one side and transport contractors on the other. He was educated at King James's School. Knaresborough, and learned his engineering at Leeds College of Technology.

at that time a timber merchant, then later went to Africa to set up a company involved in timber extraction and road building. He patented a new type of articulated steering vehicle. Mr Brown sold his business in Africa

1958 and came back to Britain when his wife fell ill. He turned to engineering to become project engineer at Hunslet Engine Company, Leeds, where he designed articulated tractors and mine He then joined Chase Side Engineering at Blackburn as chief designer and after

two years became a director and chief

executive of the company. Later he was to join a competitor. Muir Hill, as manag-

ing director, a company eventually raken over by Babcock and Wilcox. Mr Brown then set up his own company in Canada producing a new type of four wheel drive tractor. But illness in the family again forced his return to Britain and he came home six years ago to start DIB Engineering.

Mr Brown attributes part of his success so far to the fact that he had worked with haulage and construction equipment and was in a position to design machines to meet the requirements of various jobs.

Another indication of his success was the fact that he was able to expand his business at a time when the market was

knowing what his customers' requirements were as well as his early engineering training which allowed him to translate these into marketable products Mr Brown admits he was rather taken

aback by the attack on him by Sir Michael Edwardes, British Levland's chairman, last weekend. "I understand his reaction but I don't understand him going to the press with it ", he said. He said that several months ago, when he began discussions with the National Enterprise Board about a possible bid for BL Trucks, he was asked what sort of money he could raise. He investigated

and came up with a figure of £150m. He said bast night: "I have never affered 5150m and Sir Micuael Edwardes has never said that BL Trucks was worth These were the net assets. It may well be that he justifies a high figure and the City cannot. That remains to be seen. The Department of Industry and

serious!v. Asked why he thought he could succeed where the present BL management had failed. Mr Brown said: There is an indefinable something about running your own company. It may be that you are



Ronald Kershaw Mr David Brown: practical experience behind business expertise.

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China may seek oil exploration tenders soon

oil exploration and development of several offshore areas now under seismic study. The New China News Agency reported that seismic prospecting for oil reserves involving 15 United States, French and British companies is under way in the South China Sea and the south-era part of the Yellow Sea. Exploration tenders are expec-ted to be sought in one third of

the prospected areas.

The Agency also said that the Chinese had invited oil groups from several countries to survey a number of mainland areas and to discuss the possibility of joint

GM chief optimistic

In the face of a deteriorating outlook for new car sales, Mr Thomas A. Murphy, chairman of General Motors, said yester-day that, at best, sales in 1980 would match the 10.6 million he expects will be sold this year. While be conceded that the early part of next year would show some weakness, sales in 1980 "should stabilize and strengthen as the year pro-

German bank target

An increase in German central bank money stock of 6.5 tral bank money stock of 6.5 to 7.5 per cent over the next year would be appropriate to stabilize the economy, the IFO Economic Research Institute reported. Within the West German Federal Bank's target range of 5 to 8 per cent for the fourth quarter 1979 to 1980, this would provide funds for economic growth, while for economic growth, while pegging prices.

Unctad talks

Negotiators from 70 countries have ended three weeks of talks in Geneva on restrictive business practices without completing an agreement, About 80 per cent of a draft text has already been agreed in four years of talks under the United Nations Conference on Trade Development (Unctad).

\$125m rigs order

The state-owned Swedish hipyard Goetaverken Arendal has announced a \$125 million order to supply two semi-sub-mersible accommodation and multi-service rigs to Consafe

Japan exports fall

Japanese exports fell 3.1 per cent in November to \$932,000 million from \$962,000 million in October, but were up 9.6 per cent from a year earlier,

Italian consumer law

The Italian cooperative movement has collected over half a million signatures petitioning the Government to implement imediately a law passed 17 years ago to protect consumers over the labelling of foods and

Coal output down

Coal production in France totalled 1,846,200 tons in November, a decline of 4.8 per cent from the 1,939,000 tons mined in the same month last year, according to figures issued yesterday by the state coal

US retail boost

Year ended

31st March

9,771 Turnover £000

16.8p share of 25p

5,20p share of 25p

102p per share of 25p

897 Profit before tax £000

3.2 Dividend cover (times)

Earnings per Ordinary

Dividend per Ordinary

Ordinary shareholders' funds

*As adjusted for estimated tax

Copies of the Interim Statement and of the 1979 Report and

Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Carcio Engineering Group Limited, Hightown Road, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire BD19 5JU, Telephone: 0274 873700.

Retail sales in the United States increased by a pro-visional 1.8 per cent in Novemrisional 1.5 per cent in November, reversing a 1.7 per cent fall in October, the Commerce Department announced. Seasonably adjusted sales reached almost \$77,000m against \$75,600m a month earlier.

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Interim Statement

Large retailers to be asked for five-year no redundancies agreement

Shops union seeks job promise on microchips

Five-year agreements with some large retailers guaranteeing no redundancies from microchip technology on retailing, are to be sought by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW).

(USDAW).

They also want commitments on training for new skills, including electronic checkouts, together with higher wages, Mr John Flood, deputy general secretary of USDAW said yesterday.

Mr Flood, who said the series of talks would open today with discussions at J. Sainsbury, was speaking after a "no redundancies" pledge came yesterday from Tesco, another of the big three multiples. The Tesco pledge was made by Mr

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The Tesco pledge was made by Mr
Donald Harris, the company's personnel
and computing director, while presenting
a study on the microchip, and retailing
which gave warning that without the right
decisions from government, management
and the unions there would be problems
of "crisis proportions" by the second
half of the next decade. half of the next decade.

USDAW welcomed Tesco's pledge and the company's intention to meet the challenge of the microchip revolution by planning for working week reductions, increased holidays and earlier retirement provided the chip raises efficiency levels. USDAW would be asking Tesco for a formal five-year agreement, Mr Flood said afterwards

A commitment to no redundancies is not use difficult to give in retailing be-cause of high labour turnover running at a true rate of around 70 per cent. But while natural wastage can cope with that problem the number of jobs involved in an industry showing little overall growth

Meccano

of notice

By R. W. Shakespeare

staff reject

pay instead

Workers at the Airfix Indus-tries Meccano and Dinky Toys factory in Liverpool yesterday

rejected a company offer of pay in lieu of the 90 days statu-

tory notice period. They claim the management is trying to

the management is trying to deny workers their rights.

Instead the 940 workers who lost their jobs at two hours' notice 10 days ago will coutinue their occupation of the factory. Union officials will press for a full public inquiry into the closure when they meet Department of Industry officials in London tomorrow. They

in London tomorrow. They maintain that people have a

right to know what happened to £2m of public money which

they say has been pumped into the Airfix Liverpool operation. A meeting of workers inside the Binus Road factory rejected

the company's letest proposals

the company's latest proposals.
Only one vote was cast against a recommendation by shop stewards to turn them down.

Mr John Lynch, an AUEW shop steward, on the joint action committee which is running the six-in, said the company had been "trying to tie strings to the workers" rights "a The proposals would deny them the 90-day committee period.

the 90-day consultation period to which they were sutified under the Employment Protec-

Mr Lynch sald Airfix had offered to pay the 90 days' wages in weekly instalments. It

Union and shop-floor repre-

Union and snop-noor repre-sentatives are due to meet the Airfix executives again on Saturday. Meanwhile only main-tenance work will be carried out at the factory because of insurance problems.

Unaudited Six months

to 30th September 1979 1978

5,048 4,696

8.1p *7.3p

2.60p 1.70p

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remove stock.



Mr Donald Harris: Warning of a crisis.

Tesco expects to be able to maintain its workforce at around 50,000 up to 1984, but that is because, with the company's expansion programme, volume is expected to rise between 10 and 15 per cent by

Little or no extra staff are expected to be recruited because the start of the microchip revolution, including the instal-lation of electronic checkouts, should

bring savings in staff time.

The union's problems are likely to arise with those retailers which are not increasing their market share or are likely to have it eroded as the big three multiples continue to grow at around 1 percent a year in market share terms. cent a year in market share terms.
Mr Flood said that USDAW's offer last month to set up a national forum repre-senting all sectors of the industry to

orchestrate a policy for dealing with the microchip effects had so far produced only a few tentative inquiries.

Tesco, already experimenting with new computer systems in its stores for speedier checkouts and better stock control, expects to invest around £90m in computer technology over the next five to ten years. Mr Harris said.

If the micro systems lifted efficiency levels as much as expected, the Tesco manpower programme should improve the workload for employees and also promotional prospects if there were phased reduction of the stammory retirement ages, he went on.

he went on.

But he added: "This is only the response of one company, in one sector of the market. What is required is an agreed, national policy for the application of new

Builders' warning on investment

By John Huxley
Building industry leaders yesterday gave a warning that Government targets for economic
growth and increased productivity will not be reached unless there is sustained invest-ment in infrastructure and buildings.

Recent public expenditure figures showed that, as a proportion of gross domestic pro-duct. France spent half as much and West Germany twice as much as Britain on infrastruc-

Investment in industrial important contribution to pro-ductivity, was lower in Britain dustry offered a strong weapon over the last 20 years then in to the Government in its battle

Industry leaders were unveil-

Industry leaders were unveiling their Budget memorandum to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor. It is a joint submission from the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, the Committee of Associations of Specialist Engineering Contractors and the Export Group for the Constructional Industries.

dustries.
Mr Denis Turner, chairman.
of the joint taxation committee,
said that the construction in-

sures of excessive borrowing. Construction's emphasis was on investment rather than consumption; it directed spending away from imported manufac-tures and it had an impressive

record of export generation.

The federations said they were disappointed with Government statements about public expenditure contained in the White Paper. They appeared to imply stagnation around the totally inadequate level and proportion to which the previous rounds of reductions have now brought public investment.

PO denies change on £20m order

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

The Post Office confirmed

Office order for a GEC/Canadian Marconi system involving big three telecommunications nine telex exchanges. The value of the contract is likely to be about £20m.

"There is no change of company which makes telex exchanges."

yesterday that it plans to order nine telex exchanges which will be based on Canadian Marconi equipment, but denied that this represented any change in policy towards the indigenous British industry.

"A letter of intent has been dispatched to the General Electric Company", the Post Office is continuing to support British industry wherever it can, but it reserves the right to use imported equipment in limited fields where British industry cannot for the time being protected to the General Electric Company", the Post Office is continuing to support British industry wherever it can, but it reserves the right to use imported equipment in limited fields where British industry cannot for the time being protected, "concerning a Post Canadian Marconi is 51 per Canadian Marconi is 10 per Canadian Marc Canadian Marconi is 51 per Office decision.

with union company which makes telex ex-changes, and yesterday the company told its 2,000 employ-ees at Poole, Dorset, that the £20m order had gone else-where. By the end of the day Plessey had decided to hide its disappointment behind a state-ment that the company had no cooperation From Mr C. R. Hornsby Sir, I can't see how Edwards' Carrington's analysis ment that the company had no (December 4) helps. It simply raises a question for which they have no answer, namely, why the British and Japanese financial systems channel funds inthe way they do. However, we

Fiat launches gas-fuelled unit based on small car engine

had also demanded that the workers occupation cesse and A gas-fuelled power unit based on a small car engine which produces both electricity workers occupation cease further redress under the employment protection law. Management also wanted free access to and heat for industrial, agricultural or domestic use has been introduced into Britain by Fiat Motor Company (UK). An over-all efficiency of about 90 per cent is claimed for the unit, which is known as Totem (Total "The only effect of this would have been that we would have finished up with another 940 Merseysiders on the dole. What we want is the full 90 days consultation about the future of the factory to which we are entitled," said Mr Lynch. Energy module).

The Totem, developed from the 903 cc engine which powers the Fiat 127, uses methane gas (or any similar gas) as its fuel. An asynchronous electric motor is coupled to the engine and a beat exchanger is used to recover the heat generated by

the engine. In the Model I version, now available, a mains electricity supply is needed to start the unit. In the Model 2, expected to be introduced here next year, battery starting is provided.

Mr Michael Egan, a Mersey-side official of the General and Municipal Workers Union, to which most of the Meccano workers belong, will be among union representatives at the Department of Industry fomor-row. He said: "We want a full Compared with most earlier combined heat and power systems, the new machine is smaller and delivers less power (the modules can be installed in groups as required to provide whatever total nower is row. He said: "We want a full public inquiry. We know that there have been profits and we want to know what has happened to them." whatever total power is needed). It uses standard automotive components and can be mass-produced.

To produce an electrical output of 30 units and a thermal output of 70 units, the Totem system would use 110 units of primary energy, according to Fiat, i.e. it would incur losses of only 10 units. To obtain the same output from a combina-tion of electricity from a thermo-electric plant and heat from flame boilers would use 185 units.

For these separate electrical and thermal sources, the inputs would be 85 and 100 units respectively and the respective losses would be 55 and 30 units. In industrial use, the system can provide electrical power plus heat for production processes. In agriculture, it can be fuelled by biogas obtained from the fermentation of animal wastes. In the domestic sector, blocks of flars could be supplied with central heating and elec-tricity from Totem installations. Possible future applications include the use of Totem-pro-

duced electricity to operate electric heat pumps associated with solar-energy systems, so increasing the efficiency of power generation still further; and similar installations in which heat pumps recover heat discharged from industrial pro-Further ahead, Totem units

solar-energy systems to produce year-round power, with the Totems operating in winter and solar. Systems in summer.
Fiat (UK) has set up a FiatTotem division headed by Mr

could be used together with



A version of the Maltron ergonomic keyboard (above) is being incorporated in a mobile word processing system by PCD of Farnborough, Hampshire, Ten such system by PCD of Farnborough, Hampshire, Ten such systems have been ordered by the Department of Industry under its pre-production support scheme, for trials early next year. Increases in typing speeds up to 40 per cent are claimed for the keyboard, which was devised by Mrs Litian Malt in 1976.

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costs about £4,000, including the switchgear to control up to a further seven units at £3,600

tions were being examined for office blocks, sports centres, factories, farms, sewage treatment plants and coal mines.

Britain lags in harnessing wind

Britain, despite being one of Europe's windlest countries, is lagging behind other European countries and the United States

we are spending only £500,000 per annum on the former; well in excess of £100m per annum on the latter ".

Dr Musgrove who has recently returned from a visit to the United States during which he attended the Department of Energy's wind energy symposium in Washington points to the rapid advance of windenergy developments in America erica.

A 200ft diameter wind tur-bine, believed to be the largest Tom Smale and is in the process of appointing four United King-bine, believed to be the largest dom distributors. A single unit in the world, has been completed by General Electric in Boone, Carolina. A 300ft dia-meter, 2.5-megawatt wind tur-bine will be built by Boeing next year, and three of these should be producing electricity at a competitive cost (four cents per kilowatt-hour) in Washington State in 1981. The American Department of

each.

Air Smale said yesterday that recent exhibitions had produced great interest in the new system, particularly from consulting engineers and architects. Large department stores and other large companies were assessing the use of Totem systems. Other potential applications were being examined for the Central Electricity Generelectricity in the US, or about double the present output of the Central Electricity Gener-ating Board in the United

Kingdom.
This would represent an annual saving of about 1,000 mil-lion barrels of oil, equivalent to 16 per cent of present American oil consumption. It implies the construction of 40,000 300ft diameter machines over the next 20 years, at a cost of about \$100,000m (about

anusgrove of Readconversity's department of engineering.
The United Kingdom could supply about 20 per cent of its electricity needs from large wind turbines by the year 2000, he says. This is about the same level as would then be supplied by nuclear power. "Here we are spend to the same in t is a matter for considerable regret that the British Department of Energy has allocated so little effort to wind-energy research, development and

demonstration ". Sweden has allocated £25m to the subject, Germany £12m and Denmark and the Nether-lands £4m each. In Britain, two design studies have been funded but there is as yet no commitment to build any large wind turbines.

Kenneth Owen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Air of defeat by some steel executives does not help

learn through Television and Press how badly the British Steel Corporation is faring in a world where the total produc-tion and use of iron and steel tion and use of iron and steel, is slowly increasing year by year. Obviously, the difficulties which the British Steel Corporation has to face to obtain their share of the market are great, but the air of defeat being expressed by most senior executives of the British Steel Corporation does not help one but. Defeat produces defeat just as success produces success.

In the United Kingdom, the British Steel Corporation are the only home source of steel sheet and coil for the manufacture of cars and domestic equip-ment. They obtain 45 per cent to 51 per cent of this market, the remainder coming from

Do not let us blame the user for this situation—he must have an alternative source of supply. It would be too great a risk to rely solely on the one source however good that might be. Every housewife knows the dangers of buying all her supplies from one source. The single source is bad for the British Steel Corporation, its workforce and its customers. When there were three large independent producers of sheet and coil in the United Kingdom and con in the United Kingdom in the early 1950's and 1960's, the customer bought 85 per cent from the United Kingdom milks and he bought on the basis of quality and service and the mill that did best for him obtained the orders.

the mill that did best for him obtained the orders.
Hiving off at least one of the strip mills to create a similar competitive situation could be the answer and mean more orders being placed in the United Kingdom, thus benefiting the BSC mills as well as the independent mill.

The impression given to the

independent mill.

The impression given to the rest of the world is that the BSC is backward technically and has to buy all his "know-how". This country which at one time led the world in steel-making, rolling and finishing self has a great deel of unused,

Improving

enswer. The article states that

businessmen do not find it ndvantageous to borrow unless

they can create real wealth in excess of the amount bor-

around as follows: "Bankers

do not find it advantageous to

lend unless they can obtain re-

Now it is only too clear why

the British banker, in contrast

to his Japanese counterpart, has

preferred to lend to the personal

sector rather than to the busi-ness sector. The former has had

a rising monetary income, in-

creasingly derived from secure

public sector sources, and rising asset values. The latter has

exhibited falling profitability

and (therefore) declining asset

The table of investment pat-terns in Congdon's article (November 26) tells the whole story of the recent massive shift

in savings institutions' cash-flows from company fixed in-terest securities to public sector

Professor Lawson's letter (November 30) drives home the point with a sledgehammer, that British industry is not profit-able in the only sense that matters, i.e. in cash terms; and

of course a banker is not fooled by data profits!

Fortunately, in all of this gloom, those of us who believe that the root of our troubles has been in the class warfare

between unions and manage-ment, can detect a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. The magic ingredient of co-operation between labour and capital which has been so lack-

ing in British industry may at last be about to be added to the mix which produces the national cake in which we all

The current AUEW (engineer-

ing section), journal brings to the attention of union members

a table of profits of major com-panies, and we note from your issue of December 3 that this same union has now decided ro

invest in equities "when the market improves".

When enough unious have a

vested interest in company re-sults, as shareholders, markets

will ipso facto improve ! Once the connexion is established, a

table of financial losses corre-

lated with lost jobs published in the AUEW journal should

be enough to arouse union me n-

bers to play their part in recti-fying the position. Yours faithfully,

C. R. HORNSBY, Senior lecturer in accounting, Chairman, financial studies

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December 7.

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markets

Sir, It is most depressing to how and skill which needs to learn through Television and be stimulated and used, not Press how badly the British only for its own sake but to show the world that industry is far from dead. Yours fairhful The United Kingdom output. F. H. SMITH, of steel, including both private

and public sectors, is at present 17,000,000 tonnes which is a relatively small output in world terms. For the BSC to compete with the big league in the production and sale of the common products which can be made so much more cheaply in the countmies with newly developed steel industries such as South Korea, Japan, etr., is a thankless task. But the use of new and original products and the incroduction of new products to meet recognizable market needs is much more rewarding. 17,000,000 tonnes which is a

market needs is much make rewarding.

The very fact that the only parts of BSC which are at present profitable, timplate and stainless, shows the advantage of specialization to meet a market need.

I would advocate two things—

1. Create immediately a competitive position by allowing one of the strep milks to moretate under management

operate under management quite independent of BSC and cante independent of St. and having its own selling, buying and production policies. The running costs and any new work done to improve the mill or steelmsking could be financed independently.

There is no doubt in my mind that if Shotton was chosen, remembering its record for service, the customers would give support and the world give support and the workforce would be delighted to know that at least some of the "heavy end" jobs were remaining. This in itself should assist in giving a degree of confidence to whatever the source of independent finance. source of independent thance.

2. In the longer term, to develop and stimulate the development of new processes and products using the large amount of technology which is already available to us in the United Kingdom.

One successful technological development (and this does not

mean a bigger, more emer development) could ent home and overseas. Yours faithfully, Head of Research and Puddington, Wirral, Cheshire L64 5SP.

From Mr Anthony Vickery Sir, Contrary to the opinim Mr Anthony Bradbury (Bis News, December 5) I would gest that the British Steel peration is not in fact squaring anybody's tax contribut To arrive at a loss of E2 the BSC had to pay an esting 1384m to the Governmenthe form of; Corporation in associated companies, over tax, the income tax of 190,000 employees and Nat Insurance contributions (he deducted £21m govern grants).

BSC also paid £102m o exchequer, in the form o terest on loans (borrowed the years to help make above annual contributions) VAT on a proportion of sales revenue of £3,288m. Against this income to cutting back on BSC's o tions and workforce, there would be the unem ment benefit to be paid ou

secondly, those of us wi have to make up for the tributions no longer mad BSC's activities. These wider consider it the relationship between individual taxpayer and "lossmaking" nationalize

dustry in rather a diff

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY VICKERY, 99 Rydal Crescent, Greenford, Middlesex,

Open consumerist books

would expect nothing less from the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading—puts his finger right on the point.

In your article on the high cost of consumer legislation:
(December 7) he is reported as (December ?) for is reported as comparing the amount spent on football pools with that spent on consumer protection. This is precisely what the argument is about in the case of the pools the cost is known, the choice is made by the punter, the benefits are assessed by him. In the case of consumer protection, the cost is unknown. protection, the cost is unknown (although a stab at calculating ft has now been made by the 25 servers, square, Sconomist Intelligence Unic, London W1X 6AB.

why should the punts.
better pieced then the sumer? Why are conscists apparently reluctant submit to the discipling cost/benefit analysis? knows, we might discover we are spending too litt consumer protection ; than too much. Why not the books, and have an a Yours faithfully.

Chairman and Managing

The Reader's Digest Association Limited,

Rewarding inventors to This remark could be turned invent again

From Mr T. P. Burton Sir, Obstacles always have and always will fees inventors and I see no point in Trying to strengthen the National Rewards in excess of the emount . I search Development Council to meet the symptoms described by Mr M. E. A. Passmore (Dec-

ember 4).

If you will permit a cliche, the problem at its most fundamental is that "money makes.

if the private inventor has the money he will back his judgment with every penny he has. If he has no money he judgment with every penny he has. If he has no money he will try to sell his invention to people whose first reaction is that if the inventor will menufacture it for himself.

The private inventors' problems of selling the product are compounded by the problem that venture capital is usually controlled by boards of directors, civil servants, military and

controlled by loards of directors, civil servants, military and
the like, who are suricity
accountable for the money they
spend and who have a natural
preference for spending that
money on ideas emanating from
research and development
sources within their own control.

It probably costs about £1,000 per country, spread over nearly four years, to obtain a patent,

and if the private inventor fines himself to the U Kingdom alone, £1,000 is of money to most indivi-As a patent is a monopol 20 years, it seems a m price to pay. Under the recent Patent

inventors who are employed obtain compensation their employers for the inions they make which are ented. It is regretted that liament, in giving such inve-this right to compens-wrapped it in so compl

If inventors are properly warded under the new law agency exists to ensure they are), it is to be hoped some of the inventors will the money they obtain their employers to develop skills as private inventors their own homes and, the own inventions. It may work that way, but at least is a chance that the money to employee inventors with end, be used for privations of the end, be used for privations of the end. T. P. BURTON, Employee Inventors Agence 13 Foxbole Lane

Matfield.

A riddle to be solved

few training opportunities, or few training opportunities, or Just as the Royal Countitoo little interest in being on the Health Services trained for factory work, is a cluded that a separate in riddle that needs to be solved.

The need is particularly strong in London since at the same time as industrialists are appearently crying out for skilled morkers local authorities are

of information about the numbers undergoing training. The annual reports of the Training Boards contain little useful data on the numbers of trainees on an area basis, and the Manpower Services Commission seems incapable of supplying the most rudimentary of relevant data. "Employment Planning in London Boronghs", a report my council published on October 30, argues that one way out of this

From Dr Graham M. Lomas training audit. Employ Sir, Whether the shortage of policy for London might have a basis in system turing industry arises from too evidence.

workers, local authorities are encouraging new industry to develop in order, ostensibly, to solve the capital's inner city problems through generating a higher demand for labour.

The problem is made more difficult by the sheer absence of information about the numbers undergoing training. The

argues that one way out of this curious situation is a thorough December 6.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

After equities and gold, perhaps bonds?

ie 1960s saw the cuit of the equity and 1970s the glister of gold, what trend oing to dominate investment thinking he 1980s? International investors are easingly eying the bond markets to ride them with not just income, which tended to be their major attraction in past, but the sort of capital gains that ld have looked out of the question only

t a conference in London yesterday M.
s Mast of Credit Suisse argued that e eighties could become the decade of. bond markets due to cheaper money." overnments around the world, faced n the prospect of continuing high levels inflation as oil producers press home monopoly power, are putting their ght behind the control of the money ply as the chief means of squeezing ation out of the system. Already this ourselves, the United States, Germany, nee and most recently Italy have levered interest rates to choke off money supply with to levels that would have seemed naginable a few years ago.

ere we have already seen the kind of is the gilt market can offer in times of tuating interest rates and, with United es interest rates going through the roof, obond markets, though less so domestic ds, have moved erratically throwing up e gains—and losses—for investors, he drawback with the interest rate

pon, as has already been found out in the ted Kingdom, is that it becomes blunted in use. Governments find that the odd centage point increase that would have ie the trick in the past now needs the olut or so rise to be effective. 'he bigger the rise in interest rates, the

ger effect on bond markets and the bigthe capital gain when rates eventually , as they must do if the weapon is to

that does become a feature of the 0, investors seem likely to turn to hond markets to provide them with

lectrical DDOTE

th is the gloom throughout the engineer-sector that some had begun to doubt t Ransome Hoffman Pollard could match profits forecast made when it took over fford & Snell less than three months

n the event RHP has done so and with hade to spare, increasing profits by 39



David Ewart, chairman of Ransome Hoff-

cent to £5.27m, with the burgeoning ctrical division providing nearly all the

More importantly for the sector, RHP us a growing list of specialist groups ose order books show few signs yet of looming recession. There are special tors of course; RHP is recovering from ireadful year.

Meanwhile, the push into electrical mponents, which began with the MTE ceover in 1976 is now bearing such fruit it this division completely overshadows original bearings business in profit

However, conditions in the difficult bearindustry are at last beginning to look.

a good deal brighter. Profits down from £2.1m to £1.75m could have been up to £1m better but for the engineering strike and signs are that with Japanese producers held at bay, European groups are beginning to squeeze better margins out of dull markets. Meanwhile severe rationalization in fasteners has transformed last year's losses into £500,000 profits.

There must be doubts as to how well the bearings business can hold up next year, but prospects for sustained growth in electrical components remain good. The shares up 41p to 671p yesterday yield over 10 per cent (the payment is more than twice covered) and offer a p/e ratio of less than 6. They look one of the safer bets in a depressed engineering sector.

Gen Mining/Unicorp

Afrikaaner consolidation

If, as seems almost certain, General Mining does turn Union Corporation into a wholly owned subsidiary, it will be the latest stage

in the foreshadowed consolidation of Afrikaaner mining interests.

The resulting company will be capitalized at about the equivalent of £500m and as the second biggest mining house in South Africa will be strategically positioned between Anglo American and Gold Fields

This may simply be seen as a tidying up-of Afrikaaner interests, hastened by the soaring gold price.

But there can be no doubt about the power of the restructured company. General Mining is itself 62.5 per cent controlled by Federale Mynbou, which is dominated by the major Afrikaaner financial and insurance interests. Apart from gold and uranium, the combined group controls very large reserves of coal, whose value to South Africa is growing, along with platinum, asbestos, chrome and industrial interests. But does all this take us closer to the

possibility of an Afrikaaner bid for Con-solidated Gold Fields or for its subsidiary, Gold Fields of South Africa? Not necessarily, Even if General Mining/Union Corp has been buying Gold Fields shares recently, there is still a long way to go before a takeover is launched.

Experience suggests that the Afrikaaners will wait to digest their latest capture before moving on. Meanwhile, interest in the rationalized company's shares, as well as those of Gold Fields and Anglo-American, will be intense.

Booker McConnell

Chickenfeed for turkeys

Yesterday's announcement from Booker McConnell, about proposals to merge its mcultural ma lar interests of the Rockefeller family, high lights the problems which arise when disclosure requirements force proposed arrangements prematurely into the open. Because the Rockefeller family own their turkey business through a United States public company, International Basic Resources Corporation, which will effectively go private if the deal goes through, an announcement on the proposals has had to be made in New York; but because neither side has reached agreement yet, that is as far as the London end is prepared to go for

Now obviously this deal is nowhere near as important to Booker McConnell's shareholders as it is to those of IBEC: agribusiness provides rather less than 5 per cent of the trading profits of this retailing-to-rum conglomerate, and the \$18m at which the group's proposed 45 per cent stake in the proposed new company is valued is chickenfeed in relation to a 1978 balancesheet total (excluding goodwill and the Guyana promissory notes) roughly £100m.

Nevertheless, the net result of the United States disclosure requirements is that Booker's shareholders have a pretty good idea of what their company is to put into the deal, and none at all of what they expect to ger out of it. The shares put on 4p to 270p, regardless. No news is good news?

Caroline Atkinson

How cash limits upset the best laid plans

The changes suggested vester-day in the way the Government provides for Civil Service pay rises could be yet another nail in the coffin of the Public Expenditure Survey Committee (PESC).

The PESC system began 16 years ago with the central sim of providing consistent, medium-term, plans for public spending in terms of the level of serv-ices (ie, the number of teachers or hospitals) which ministers agreed to be desirable.

Over the last three or four years cash limit controls on spending have gradually diminished the importance of PESC planning decisions, This process has speeded up sharply this year and, while lip service is still paid to the planning of spending in volume these plans have effect-een subordinated to subterms, these sequently published cash limits.

The present Government mora or less admits that after sessing or less admirs may after setting its spending plans in volume terms it intends to use cash limits to squeeze the volumes. Yesterday's proposals would mean that a cash limit for Civil Service pay rises would be set before pay negotiations began. In the likely event that the pay settlements prove too big to be settlements prove too big to be met from the cash limit with-out staff (ie, volume) cuts, the Government would have more discretion, under the new

The main effect of the change will be to make the cash limit a more important determinant of the future level of services and the volume plens corres-pondingly less important.

The Labour Government this year produced a spending White Paper based on unrealistic pay assumptions. Predictably, the cash limits for the year 1979-80 published just a few months later were designed to squeeze the volume levels by allowing too little cash to pay for increased pay and prices without volume cuts.

The Conservatives then tightened the cash squeeze in their June budget. In November the Government published volume plans for next year

This in itself suggested that the medium-term framework for planning the public sector was in danger of being sacrificed for the one-year horizon of control mechanism of cash limits. Two weeks later the Treasury confirmed this impression by publishing cash limits for local authorities and nationalized industries which implied a 2-3 per cent squeeze on the inst announced volume This in itself suggested that

Almost everyone agrees that Britain's enormous volume of public spending ought to be

a four or five-year horizon, rather than chopped and changed as short notice. The present Government's

ideological distaste for tuning" the economy ought to make it all the more in favour medium-term spending is. But the importance which it places on reducing its borrowing its desire to cut income taxes further and its distrust of economic forecasts mean that it is likely to reduce still further the weight of the medium-term spending deci-

It is, in the end, probably easier politically to cut public spending through the back door by applying tight cash limits than through the front door of explicit volume changes.

Cash limits have grown in

importance for another reason — their supposed role in the bartle against inflation. There is an argument that the setting of cash limits places a discipline on pay bargainers parellel to that of the marketplace in the

that of the markenplace in the private sector.

It is, however, more likely that tight cash limits cut into programme volumes than that they lead to lower wage settlements. It would almost certainly make more sense to decide on the content civil servante, nurses, and so on, wanted and then to set realistic planned in a rational way with cash limits for spending pro-

Government's own estimates of wage and price inflation (almost certainly the case in an inflationary world) it would mean the Government's admitting that it does not believe its own inflation propaganda.

ment places some weight on determining inflation it has a double reason for publishing low cash limits and letting its volume plans take the strain. One way of dealing with the problem of inconsistent volume and cash plans while still preserving the medium-term plan-ning framework would be to ning framework would be to plan public spending in cash rather than volume terms. However, while inflation is high and, worse, very unpredictable this would be virtually impossible. It would lead to still more uncertainty about the likely level of public services and about the size of the mulic secrot in the

size of the public sector in the economy as a whole.

There is growing evidence that the Government is moving further away from medium-term planning for all its activi-ties and being pushed into taking short-term ad hoc decisions about economic policy, albeit with a long-term aim of

reducing inflation. In recent years there has been a more towards more

grammes based on the likely economic disclosure in the level of pay settlements. But Public Spending White Paper, if this were higher than the partly after pressure from the parliamentary committee which used to comment on the White Paper. This had the advantage of setting the public sector's spending plans against a medium-term assessment of the

The Conservatives are now on the verge of reversing this. The last, short, White Paper had almost no economic detail. This was promised for the later one due early in 1980, which will deal with the years from 1981 to 1984. But it now seems un-likely that much detail will be included even in this coming

White Paper.
If the Government against publishing a medium-term financial plan it may never reveal in much detail the back-ground against which it has

ground against which it has drawn up its spending plans.

The move inside government against publishing a mediumterm financial plan is based more on an unwillingness in admit the depth of official gloom about Britain's economic prospects over the next few years than anything else, Refusing to admit it will, unfortunately, not make the future any better.

Instead, it may make it more Instead, it may make it more likely that public spending plans are published which are unlikely to be fulfilled and based on unrealistic assumption.

Can Hull hang on to its telephone system?

values independence and enter-prise; at the same time it is dedicated to cutting back public

when the independence and enterprise are a local author-kry's therefore, a dilemma arises—as the Department of the En-vironment is about to discover. For, unless talks soon to take place with the department are successful, the Hull telephone successful, the Hull telephone approximate operated for the nest successiva, the fittil telephone service, operated for the pest 80 years by Rull Corporation, could be at 2n end es an independent service within a year. The service is the only independent telephone system left in the country after the few other local authorities involved decomed out in about 1911. It dropped out in about 1911. It has 172,000 subscribers in 120 square miles on the north bank of the Humber. Now it faces two big singe-

ciel problems. One concerns the funding of capital development of more than £30m when the Post Office decides on a switch to a more advanced electronic relegions. telephone system.

But the immediate difficulty, the subject of the Whitehall talks, arises from the uniqueness of the talephone system within the framework of local authority financing at a time when the Government is apply ing pressure for a reducti local authority spending.

local authority spending.

While the Post Office nationally has been moving to finencing investment from profits rather than borrowings, Hull has kept its traditional method of financing, using the normal local authority route of 20 year loans. It now has a debt of about film on assets worth, at a conservative estimate, about 150m.

Rull's telephone spending has been classified as locally de-termined, a classification which termined, a classification which mormally covers the small fry to local authority investment which have been more squeezed than spending on busing or than spending on housing or education. The system's borrow ing limits have been reduced from £2m to £200,000. One way of meeting this has been to lease equipment, but that route will shortly be stopped up when lease values are brought within the spending limits by government order.

Hull's service was traditionally much cheaper than the national system, with costs for

40 per cent less, but it was forced to switch to higher rates, largely similar to the national ones. However, local calls are still untimed and relephone installation cours are harely half installation costs are barely half

those charged marionally. Hall bopes to persuade the Department of the Environment to allow more flexibility in bor-rowing. Otherwise, to keep pace with investment nationally, it would have to raise charges above the national level and the question of turning the service over to the Post Office would immediately be raised.

Hull's problem would be eased if the Post Office were to share a percentage of trunk call revenues, a big source of profic for the Post Office from which Hull's service at present does not benefit. Depending on the result of the Whitehall talks ussions on such sharing may

Even if Hull clears the immediate hurdles, however, the question still erises of what should happen to the service in 1990. Its current operating licence runs out then and it is about then also that the Post Office will be moving towards replacing its present Strowger electro-mechanical

The mettle of the Hull council can be gauged from the way. strendy apparent, they two years ago decided to renew the licence, although for 12 years rather than the usual 15.

But the capital cost to Hull of the modernization looks likely to be well over the estimated 190m by the time it goes through. Much as the council could be expected to want to pursue its independence, its ability to meet such a bill will depend crucially on the concesdepend crucially on the concessions it can get both on loan flexibility and from the Post Office on an improved deal on trunk call profits.

A final irony in this affair, which the Hull delegation to Whitehall will at any rate be aware, is that the independent telephone service, with its repuhas been the creation mainly of Labour-dominated Hull councils. Perhaps its enterprise will still be no less welcome to a

Derek Harris

Banks react cautiously to their new freedom

The British banking community while universally welcoming the abolition of exchange con-trols—appears to be blinking somewhat nervously in the sunlight.
Clearing bankers naturally

are happy that they no longer have to beer much of the istering exchange controls, but seem to be adapting to the new seem to be adapting to the new freedom more slowly and cautiously than the merchant banks.

The environment in London is, of course, quite different new from that of 40 years ago—the last time there was freedom to use sterling unfettered by restraints. The emergence of New York, Tokyo and the big European centres have dimmed London's light as the undisputed financial capital.

Sterling is no longer an international reserve currency and

national reserve currency and the United Kingdom is no longer the focal point of world trade which gave the pound such an unassailable position in

Moreover, in the period since the last Wer British banks, especially the merchant banks through their development of Eurocurrency market in London, have used all their ingenuity to overcome some of the obstacles caused by the restricted role sterling could play in world financial affairs. In short, it is not as though the banks are starting from first base.

But there are a number of

areas where the banks can be expected to get extra business as a direct result of the ending of exchange controls. The clearing banks have high hopes that their foreign exchange expertise will be put to fuller use by corporate customers who now have to use commercial criteria to make decisions on their currency exposure rather than having to shide by the somewhat inflexible rules pre-viously operated by the Bank of England.

Under the old system of con-

Ronald Pullen

trols about 500 large companies were allowed to run foreign accounts, although they were fairly closely controlled by the Eank of England with time limits placed on their surplus

British companies now have complete flexibility in their foreign exchange positions and it seems likely that the corporate treasury function will become as important as it is in most United States companies. most United States companies.

British concerns will now have to take crucial policy decisions on a range of subjects: forward cover; the best way of financing trade; the repairiation of overseas profits; the extent to which overseas funding should be on a matched basis.

Small to medium companies Small to medium companies without the expertise of the Shells and ICIs to fall back on, will turn to their local clearing bank for advice. At the retail level, as well, the clearers also see some potential in the provision of foreign currency accounts for personal customers.

Elsewhere the clearers' fund management side should benefit from portfolio diversification by British investors. There are also hopes among the clearers that their Eurobond operations will have a shot in the arm if United their Europond operations will get a shot in the arm if United Kingdom investors develop an interest in this market. This support will provide the banks with the placing power they have conspicuously lacked in competing with the big European and Swiss banks. It will also perhaps help them in the new issue market.

Finally, there should be more potential for the banks to finance third-country trade, which they were prevented from doing three years ago when exchange controls were further strength-For the merchant banks the

chief hope is that London will claw back many of its functions

centre. Potentially the most ex-ciring development is the extent to which overseas companies will turn to London as a source

Already one Dutch company, Virraton, has opted for a listing in London in preference to its home country. There are expectations that more foreign concerns will seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange, perhance with a rich to issuing haps with a view to issuing their own shares to take over

United Kingdom companies. Previously this had to be effected through the investment currency premium. The reverse is also likely to happen. British companies can now issue cheir shares on foreign stock markets. The corporate finance departments of the merchant banks see much scope for advising on the capital structure of United kingdom companies now that they are free to have part of it in foreign currencies.

In the fund management field,

merchant banks expect to capitalize on what they argue is overseas markets, while in the Eurocurrency makers they hope to extend their interests from non-sterling issues to which they have been limited by ex-

change controls. There are hopes that the Eurosterling market will return to London from its present base in Paris. Already Morgan Gren-fell and Kleinwort Benson have made foreign currency issues in London to assess the demand of United Kingdom institutions for oversess bonds.

There are few doubts that London has the depth of banking skills required to take ad-vantage of the opportunities which the lifting of exchange controls has presented. But much depends on the speed with which sterling inter-

est rates fall. It would be to suggest that the new free dom is about to open up a whole new range of oppor-

Business Diary: Mum's the word • Oh, brother

litter nearly three years in a seer as finance director of the & Godwin, the City in ance brokers who succumbed a takeover by American)kers Frank B. Hall 18 mehs ago, Ian Halliday med to be slipping back sly imo a more bureaucratic y of life yesterday. His secretary having been in-

ucted to say be did not wish

talk about it. Business Diary s left to do a certain amount guesswork about his new pointment as chief executive the National Enterprise There are some clues. Now Halliday started work as a recred accountant with arrered mitage and Norron in Hud-

rsfield, becoming a partner in the finance director of Allied From there he was seconded the Department of Trade and dustry's industrial develop-ent unit and presumably met hn Caines (who was promoted im secretary to deputy chief ecutive of the NEB yester-y), since both were at the

partment during the 1974/77

Halliday did not return to lied, moving instead to Leslie Godwin on a three-year conact which was due to end on bruary 28, a month after he

So Halliday returns to Whiteill (if that is where the EB's heart lies nowadays) and, te imagines, to a lifestyle that ill be no less exhilarating than Leslie & Godwin. Whether the pay is better remains to be exided (Leslie Murphy, got and the control of th your £40,000 as chairman and net executive), though in-nance brokers are renowned r paving fancy salaries.

If you are buying a puppy this Christmas, you had better bear in mind some figures. Pet Plan, pet insurance specialists, have told me about some of the claims they have settled When a toy poodle in Brighton jumped off a char and broke some bones it cost

£125 to get a vet to pin it together again. One cut fight led to a bill for £50.63. Patsy Bloom (right, tanie, her own pet Shin-tzu), who runs Pet Plan, says that one in three of the 25,000 owners instruced with her have eligible claims in the course of a year. For dogs which are "particularly accident prone"

an insurance package costs

£14.95, but cats cost less.

The Iranians are nicely snookered in their sport with the International Monetary Fund. Iran's central bank governor, Alireza Nobari, has written to the fund demanding that the executive board force the United States to unfreeze Iran's assets in American banks (you will note that Iran is ignoring the United Nations and the International Court in

The Hagne, seeming to attach more importance to the IMF). Usually a request such as this would be made by a nation's representative on the fund's board, but this is where the Leanian government finds nself in a bind Gahangir Amuzegar, Iran's official spokesman on the IMF board, is an old friend of the Sheh and brother of his former finance brother of his former finance almost certainly be on the minister and therefore no great opposing side.



friend of the powers-that-be in

His job is to represent Afganistan, Tunisia, Oman, Algeria, Morocco and Ghana to represent as well as Iran on the IMF board. He was elected for two years, and his term runs until the end of this year. Amuzegar was sent to the fund when the Shah was in

charge in Iran, The Iranians' only hope is that the IMF managing director, Jacques de Larosiere, will take their cause and present it to the board. If the board does not act within 30 days of the start of the freeze, it will be deemed to have approved the United States action.

De Larosiere does not seem in any hurry to raise the issue and the Iranians know only too well that when the matter is debated, if ever, Amuzegar will

Rolls-Royce Motors' Crewe tory nine new Silver factory nine new Shadows, worth a cool £353,000. will be handed over to the representative of a Hongkong hotel owner. We had heard of the extravant living standards of some of the colony's larger of the colony's larger than-life millionaires, but Rolls are positively drooling about this, the largest single order placed with them so far.

• In a little ceremony today

But what does a Hongkong hotel proprietor want with nine new "Rollers"? The Rolls spokesman was at his most urbane: "Over the past eight years the Kadoorie family, who own the Peninsular Hotel, have bought three lots of new Rolls. They use them as courtesy cars to collect guests from the air-port and run them around." And, he added, "Rolls are very popular in Hongkong and have a good resale value, so perhaps they are regarded as an investment."

The enterprising Japanese, always on the look-out for ex-portable products are dangling a new wheeze before us dog-

This is "Doggy-Polite", a hinged disposable paper con-tainer with which dog owners can painlessly pick up dog muck when out on walkies and deposit it in the nearest waste-The Yokohama manufactur-

ers' sales pitch to British Department stores says: "In Japan where morality is lacking and people often criticizes against those who keeps dogs doors, a large quantity of this new folding paper products for a daily consumption is expected thru survey by a local merchan-

"Knowing your sales forces are quite strongly buge, we would greatly like to bear possibility of your selling this products or manufacturing op-portunity and your valuable comments for doggy-lovers mar-ket in England."

Are Marks and Spencer laundering money? The current issue of The Old Lady, the Bank of England house magazine, has a joke letter from an A. Z. Stone, personal assistant the chairman, Sir Marcus Sieff, complaining that after one wash two fl notes lost their colour and strank. The Bank's Chief Cashier, J. B. Page, replies equally jokily that the Bank's product, whether clean or dirty, is "readily clean or dirty, is "readily acceptable, there being no reputable alternative supplier."

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Investors hold off: prices up after hours

Dealings start in the new Ham-merson shares on Thursday. The City expects that they will come in at a 70p premium on the 560p rights price. On a forecast dividend of 25.71p gross this boosts the yield to over 4 per cent making the shares at 665p look interesting. However some few that there However some fear that there may be a tap over the next few weeks as institutions and family sell their shares.

where longs were mostly changed while shorts if they moved were usually about £1/16

however, business after hours suddenly took a turn for the better as most shares finished at their best level of the day. This was borne out in the F.T. Index which, 1.0 up at 3pm, went on to close 3.6 up at 419.2. But despite this dealers were quick to point out that business still remained thin.

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\$1,600,000 (plus interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annual from October I, 1979) plus 25% of any recovery ("Recovery", as defined below) obtained by \$PC in respect of \$PC's claim against the People's Republic of China (plus interest thereon at the rate of 10% per annual from the dates of record of foods representing the Recovery mail the date of payment by \$PC to the Register in Chancery) less any fees and expense to be deducted from such food pursuant to order of the Cours.

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Only brokers Medwin & Lowy appeared busy as they began their annual Christmas appeal on behalf of Dr Barnados hoping to reach this year's target of £1,500.

Gilts remained dull also ahead of the banking figures,

Dealings start in the new Ham

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> Among companies reporting Ransome Hoffman & Pollard jumped 44p to 674p after full years profit increase of nearly 39 per cent Carlco Engineering 39 per cent. Carlco Engineering were a penny firmer at 105p and James Cropper gained 2p to 93p but Barker & Dobson were 1p. lighter at 301p. Alfred Preddy dipped 5p to 63p but Whitecroft rose 2p to 82p and May & Hassell improved 1p to

Trafalgar House was 3p firmer at 551p ahead of today's trading statement while Imperial Continental Gas also reporting today rose 10p to 608p. A profits warning over the weekend was enough to clip 2p from Ladbroke at 147p while further press comment lifted MFI 5p to 74p.

On returning from auspension Leading industrials were Fairbaira Lawson tumbled 9p brighter with ICI up at 366p sond Glaxo 5p stronger after its annual meeting. Weekend press subsidiary. News that a rebel

Canadian group Hiram Walker was likely to prove totally in-

Cableform, for which Tricentrol has agreed to pay over £4m, remained firm at 88p, but Dawnay Day slipped 1½p to 59p following Britannia Arrow's de-

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Latest results

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Gold shares remained active, while elsewhere in mines shares of General Mining and Union Corporation were suspended at \$14\frac{1}{2}\$ and \$10\frac{1}{2}\$, pending talks which might lead to a merger. Rquity turnsver on December 7 was £93.233m (13,661 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Tele-graph, were BP, BP "New," Mothercare at 178p and Great Universal Stores at 355p.

Electricals were mostly GCC and European Ferries.

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Kitchen Queen on target

By Our Financial Staff A £45,000 trading loss from Kitchen Queen subsidiary Knott Mill took the edge off the group's first year profits as a public company. Kitchen Queen came to market last November when 5.8m shares

were offered for sale. Pre-tax profits came out at a shade over the prospectus forecast of £1.8m at £1.809m on turnover of £19.702m for the year to August 31, 1979. These figures compare favour-

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ably with 1978 year-end results of £1.46m pre-tex profits and E15m of turnover. But if it had not been last winter's had weather and lorry drivers' strike, together with Knott Mill's trading loss, profits would have been closer to the

Mr Neville Johnson, chairman of Kitchen Queen.

strike, together with Knott Mill's trading loss, profits would have been closer to the £2m level.

Since the year end Kitchen Queen acquired Moben which manufactures and directly installs kitchen equipment. This acquisition is expected to contribute substantially towards will cominue to expand in

fastest uniapped sector ; fitted kitchen market. Th ing power, new particular development and the fier of our increased manufactories Now Kirchen Oveen is ing from its traditional facturing base towards re In 1979 the group erosincrease its retailing spanround 65 per cent will leasing of 222,000 sq ft of

This additional space used by the Knott Mill tion which has expande a whole range of DIY or mainly kitchen and be furniture. It already has of 40 outlets throughout west England and Scotla The group, with a profits contribution from

Mill and Moben, is looking the tax profits of at least although if there at adverse factors over the then this could go as h

Whitecroft's interim standstill

By Alison Mitchell

The £500,000 cost of the engineering strike meant that the first-half pre-tax profits of the Margins were squeezed in marked time at £2.4m.

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pany secretary.

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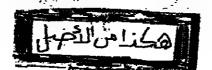
Present Company TO: ALL PRESENT HOLDERS OF UNSTAUFED SHE FREST MORTICALE TRUMPNUTES STREET DUE 1973 OF SEANGHAL FOWER COMPANY AND SELVER PLEASE MAD THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IF YOU QUALIFY AS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS DESCRIBED ABOVE OR ARE A HOLDER OF ANY OF THE UNSTAINING DESCRIBED ABOVE OR ARE A HOLDER OF ANY OF THE UNSTAINING DESCRIBED ABOVE OR ARE A HOLDER OF ANY OF THE UNSTAINING DESCRIBED ABOVE AND FILE A STATEMENT OF CLADAL IN THE MANNER SET PORTH BULDW, YOU MAY RECOVER MOTHER. By Canna or Grover C. Brown, Vice Chancellor of the Court of Chancery for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County (the "Court"), entered personant to Bade 21(a) of the Delaware Chancery Court Roles, a hearing will be held on February 15, 1980 at 11:00 A.M. in the Court of Chancery, Public Building, Witnington, Delaware upon an application by council for plaintiff SPC and council for defendants Indah and the holders of the Shann (the "Clam") and the Institute for approval by the Court of a The Court has measured the right to adjourn the hearing without further notice to the Class and to approve the Schiement with such magifica stiorney and show came why the Agreement should not be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate and why judgment should not be or Skoninsing the constantiation of the Class and consciling the 220,000 Shares, and dismissing the constantiate of the Troster and concerning the a quantizing the consister(sign of the Class and emecking the 220,000 Shares, and districting the commercials of the Trustee and conceiling the unexamped Debentures; provided, however, that no such person shell be heard and to briefs or other papers shall be married or considered by the Court except as the Court is its distriction way otherwise direct values on or before 5:00 P.M. on February 11, 1980 notion of intendion to appear, a statement of position and the grounds therefor, and ordered and being to be advantaged as first Register in Chancery, Public Building, 11th and King Streets, Wilmington, Deleware 19899 and secred upon and monitor by counted for SPC:

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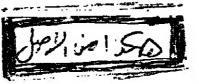
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THE TIMES TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 1979 NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS **Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds** 11 targesterest is owing up Wall Street 1979-79 Righ Lew Bis Offer Trus lay & [assell terest charges are depress-timber importer May & sell. In the half year to ember 30 last, interest on p borrowings clipped more film from profits against evious £700,000 and the full figure is likely to be more ough borrowings are onal, Mr John Atley, chair-admits that it will hit both and and margins. the first half, pre-tax its at May & Hessell unted to £852,000, against a parable £543,000 on turn up from £25m to £30.3m. Silver gains 43 cents e 50 per cent owned asso-Hallam Group of Nottingrman reports that second trading is ahead of last. City expectations for the year, at around £1.5m and still be a far cry from 1973-4 level of £5.4, but an rovement on last time's 4,000. The p/e would be 6.2. **Options** announcement is expected day concarning the re-sements for BOC Inser-onal and EMI in the traded ional and EMI in the traded ions market. The Stock hange council is expected name Vasi Reefs as a ressor to BOC while Racal replace EMI which is now to Thorn. Trading in the serioud begin by the saming of next week. Bill Samuel Life Assurance Lid. rading remained much in a win the rest of the market terday as the market aired today's (Tues) banking to 223 compared with 472 Friday. Discount **Commodities** oe among traditional options VIE metal stocks tone. Right grade. Cash. 27.730-40; three months. 27.478-7.300, Sales. nil tone. Morning.—Stendard cash. 27.765-75; three morths. 27.20-93. Settlement. 27.776. Sales. 320 tone. Night grade. Cash. 27.776-75; three morths. 27.776. Sales. 320 tone. Night grade. Cash. 27.776-75; three months. 28.776. Sales. 320 tone. Morning.—Cash. 25.22-37. Settlement. 2550. three months. 25.22-37. 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Dealers said a big commercial selling order at the outset put the pound down to 2.1655 but a swift rally ensued to 2.1755 as the dollar weakened. The dollar fluctuated erratically reflecting concern about impending Opec price increases and the Iranian crisis. However, by the close it had rallied well, The D M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited mark was marginally ahead at 1.7510 (1.7515), but the year reflecting very firm Far Eastern 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone: 01-638 9651 The Over-the-Counter Market advices moved smartly ahead to 232.70 (240.10). 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S. Yeates 184 185 W. S. Yeates New 185 7.1 **Dollar Spot** Sterling: Other Rates lecland †Canads Netherlands Beigium Denmark Vest German Portugal Spain italy Norway Prance Sweden Japan Austria Switzerland *Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15. Markets Allied London **Properties** * Irciand quoted in US currency. † Canada 31 : US 50.8388-86 Lizoited **EMS European Currency Rates**

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Results for the year ended 30 June 1979

PROFIT BEFORE \$1,230,272 £1,071,238

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A. Preedy slides into a loss

Ey Baron, Phillips

Higher interest charges and a policy of not entering the tobacco goods price cutting war hit Alfred Preedy in the six months to September 29, 1979.

Turnover rose by 9 per cent from £28.69m to £31,31m but pre-tax profits of £159,000 gave way to a £184,000 loss. Preedy's suffered from dearer

money last summer after it had increased its borrowings following the acquisition in the last profitable merchandise sales. financial year of Midland Educational. As a result interest did not begin to happen until

charges jumped from £63,000 the end of the six month period to £311,000 during the half year.
Midland Educational chipped in that trading in the months nearly £4m to turnover and almost £70,000 to the £116,000 trading profit.

Turnover in the half-year from Preedy's traditional activities slipped by nearly 5 per cent thanks to the group's decision not to enter the tobacco goods price war, the board reports.

Turnover was also bit by a generally Turnover was also hit by a lack of momentum in the more

mat trading in the months directly after last June's budget proved very unsatisfactory in volume terms because for volume terms because of the rise

Mr Harry Preedy, chairman, says that a steady increase in sales of non tobacco goods is evident, and that the group is generally experiencing better trading levels in the current half year. Profits, he states, are

In the year to September 30, Mr Tom Cowie, chairman, tinues to se 1979 interest charges more than admirted that the group is still will follow:

By Alison Mitchell

porrowings.

Sunderland - based

dealer T. Cowie is trying to 45 per cent to 14.2m but prereduce its borrowings, Discus- tax profits were only 12.1m sions are thought to be in against £1.9m. Turnover, in the progress with a major finance period, rose from £52.2m to house for a possible joint ven-

ture. This could result in off-The final dividend of 3.14p balance sheet financing of the contract hire and leasing business which accounts for around 18m of the group's £15m raised the total for the year to 4.2p, an increase of a shird. The shares firmed 11p to 4.2p yesterday, where they yield 10 per cent.

betting company.

Cowie aims to cut loans doubled to £2.1m and took hoping to expand by acquisi-much of the gloss from profits. At the trading level they rose was referring mainly to private

- Earlier this year the group paid just under £2m to acquire a 27.7 per cent holding in the London based coach operator and motor distributor George

stake is for investment purposes only but the market continues to speculate that a bid

Mr Cowie insists that the

Montfort broadside at Dixon

Ealier this year Comfort took over the City Hotel Group, formerly run by Messrs Philip and Regionald Kaye, for the equivalent of £5.7m, And last September the group eased its overteen borrowing rechlems. In a letter to shareholders
Monfort chairman Mr &
Meakin describes Dixon's 90p
share and cash offer as "totally

Betti overseas borrowing problems when it disposed of the Citybus in Copenhagen for nearly D Kr60m (£5.5m).

unacceptable".

He forecasts pre-tax profits in the current year almost trebling to £900,000, which is greater than any profit Dixon has achieved.

has achieved.

He also reveals that the group's properties have been revalued at £1.25m, compared with a book value of £750.000.

Taken with the forecast profits. ner tangible assets amount to 123p a share, against an equity price yesterday of 87p. Divi-dents totalling not less than 7p for the year have already been

Referring to Palms Textile Group which is building up a stake in Montfort, Mr Meakin denies that Palms is attempting to frustrate the Dixon hid. Last week Palma was cleared by the Takeover Panel of acting against shareholders interests.

Grimshawe loan is reconstituted Carclo lower at Under an agreement with the Midland Bank in February, 1976, the bank provided Grimhalf-way

half-way

Lower half-time figures are reported by Carclo Engineering, which recently made a successful take-over of English Card Clothing. Although turnover edged forward from £4.69m to £5.04m in the six mouths to September 30, pre-tax profits dropped by 9.7 per cent to £464,000. However, the estimated tax charge is down from £218,000 to £133,000 and the interim payment is being lifted shawe Holdings with a subor-dinated loan of £300,000, having conversion rights, subject to certain limitations, into Grim-

Monfort (Knitting Mills) is group companies are short of lapse forthwith; the loan will doing its utmost to stave off orders, as a group, Cerclo's he repaid in equal instalments the unwelcome bid from David order bank is above its budget and higher than this time last 1981 and ending in 1981 and ending in 1980; the loan will not be subordinated and will be half secured and half unsecured.

Betting on the exchange rate A new sterling/dollar ex-change rate betting scheme has been launched by L G. Index, the commodity and currency

Under the scheme, cash can be bet on margin against fluctuations in the exchange rate as quoted on the Chicago Mercaurile Exchange. The investment is strictly a bet, approved by the Customs and Excise. In world trading on December 21, shareholders will be has been made possible by the asked to approve the acquisition of exchange controls. The new currency market based to approve the acquisition of exchange controls. The per control of the company made pre-tax profits of £60,000. Index's managing director, says that in the year to May, 1979-the company made pre-tax profits of £60,000.

at Monument Secs

in the year to March 31, com-pared with a profit of £102,000 previously; in the first half, a loss of £36,000 was sustained. Turnover slipped from £2.88m to £2.56m. Once again, there is to £2.50m. Once again, there is no dividend. Losses on exchange rates of £44,000 (compared with £12.000) were incurred, mainly because of the weakness of the United States dollar.

J E Sanger now better placed

The outlook seems to be a bit brighter at the loss-making J. E. Sanger meat trading group. Mr J. E. Sanger, the charman,

Margins under pressure

Because of "extreme pressure" on margins in the second half-year, Monument Securities did not achieve its expected return to profitability. This investment holding company suffered a pre-tax loss of £38,000 in the year to March 31 com-

South Crofty lower

By Michael Prest

Transport and
Workers' Union, whi

Just four days before the St. Workers' Union, whi

23 days production Piran annual general meeting, one of the company's major subsidiaries. South Crofty, reports lower profits. In the half year to the end of September. Prefax profits were only £500,000 against £855,000.

Tin metal production as well as a period coutput. Profits from Per Tehidy Minerals, ac Octuber of last year followers. The company biames a strike by members of the interim divides against 2.53p. Piran annual general meeting,

23 days production as well as a period

Unilock 17 pc ahead

Unitock, one of the MIH partioning companies in the export market.

He reports that it Nightingale "Over-the-counter market" companies had a 16.5 per cent pre tax profits up Project Interiors in swing in the half year to September 29, 1979 to £815,000 to a substantial ris against £699,000. Turnover for the London-based partitioning package Project Interiors in the swing interior of the complete sized contracts. systems group improved by more than 38 per cent from that profits in the case of the profits in the first six most man, says this advance has been made against the trend of tighter margins in specialist 51.36m in the full year. But Mr Newman

AMERICAN EXPRESS

Mr James D. Robinson, third chairman of American Express, announced that he has accepted the resignations of two directors of the company, Mr William W. Scranton and Mr Henry H. Bank of Canada (Londo said.

W. Scranton and Mr Henry H. Henley.
With the resignations the company believes it is complying with Thursday's Federal Communications Commission finding concerning the commission's cross-ownership provisions as they relate to American Express's proposed \$175m purchase of 50 per cent of Warner Cable Corporation—a cable television subsidiary of Warner Communications Inc.
WESTERN BANCORP says it

WESTERN BANCORP says it has acquired Gavilan Bank which has seven offices in Northern California.

The company did not disclose the purchase price but said the bank had assets totalling \$70m. The banks will become part of Western Bancorp's United California Bank branch system ...

EUROBONDS . Eksportfinans, an export credit Eksportfinans, an export credit agency owned by Norway's major banks, intends to float a \$50m (about £23.2m), seven-year note issue bearing 11.25 per cent annually through a syndicate led by Credit Susse-First Boston.

A spokesman said that under present market conditions, the notes would be priced at 99.75, which works out to a yield to maturity of 11.30 per cent.

Terms under discuss 10-year \$100m credit

Internation

spread of 1 per cent o Interbank offered rates Olympic Airways of raising \$135m in two finance purchases of ai Airbus Industrie, bank

Finland is planning Oml50m Eurobond wi pected seven-year ma indicated eight per ce

Spanish State finance struto de Credito Oficia raised a ten year \$250m loan, joint lead manag. Westmioster Bank with j per cent above Loudo offered rates with a six period.

Spanish oil refining therica Refinadora de P (Petroliber), has arrang syndicated credit, its fing on the Euroma manager Dillon Read Corp said.

Comfort Hotels in expansion drive

Mr Henry Edwards' Comfort Tennessee Pancake name for Ice Cream Parlour franchises. Hotels international is continu. the next two years. ing to expand with the acquisition of a further seven central period to convert the pancake London restaurants from the freezer group Bejam.

The restaurants form part of the Tennessee Pancake chain. Comfort is paying £900,000 cash for the properties.

Under the agreement with

SPRING GROVE OFFER The offer for sale by tender by the Charterhouse Group to the ordinary shareholders of Charterhouse and to employees of Spring Grove Services of 15m ordinary shares of 10p each has attracted 3,072 appli-cations from shareholders for 8 15m ordinary shares of 10p each has attracted 3,072 appli-cations from shareholders for a total of 36.68m Spring Grove shares.

PEEK BOLDINGS Chairman has written to share-holders explaining that although agreements have been reached in principle with all necessary creditagreements have been reached to principle with all necessary credit-ors to enable group to be recon-structed it is necessary for certain formalities to be observed which will mean that reports and ac-counts for the periods ending on Decamber 31 cannot be despatched until after the AGM. Accordingly meeting has been adjourned.

ALBERT FISHER GROUP Chairman says that current year has started well with results for first two mouths substantially whead of those for same period last year. He sees no reason why results for full year should not

HIGHGATE & JOS
Turbover for half-year to Septem 30, down from £4.51m to £4.23m, but pre-tax loss up from £108.000 to £127,000.

Tuesday, 11 December, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, 11 December, 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 11 December, 1.30 p.m.

BOOKS, ATLASES & MAPS

Tuesday, 11 December, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 12 December, 11 a.m.

Thursday, 13 December, 11 a.m.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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WATERCOLOURS

OIL PAINTINGS

METALWARE

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WORKS OF ART

SCRIPOPHILY

FURNITURE, EASTERN CARPETS &

ANTIQUE & MODERN JEWELLERY

JAPANESE & CHINESE CERAMICS & WORKS OF ART

including a fine Viola by L & T Carcassi, violins by E. Degani & fine gold and silver

mounted bows & Gothic & Grecian harps.

Friday, 14 December, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

ENGLISH & CONTINENTAL SILVER &

FURNITURE, EASTERN CARPETS &

FURNITURE, EASTERN CARPETS & WORKS OF ART followed by PEWTER &

POSTAGE STAMPS : General

Friday, 14 December, 11 a.m.

Monday. 17 December, 11 a.m.

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Comfort will use the interim

restaurants to bolster its Strikes

Hamburger chain. All the newly

acquired properties are in parts

and subject to events in next few months there seems little reason to expect that the current year's results will differ greatly from those of the previous two years.

ARTHUR BELL AND SONS
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Briefly

Perth-based Scotch whisky distil-lers told shareholders: "You will have noted that both group turn-over and profit in the year to June 30 showed a continuation of the growth pattern established in previous years.

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of Assam Frontier Tea, Indian operating company in which Assam Frontier Tea Holdings, has a 74 per cent interest, show pre-tax profits of £323,300 for this period.

The group now operates a total of 21 hotels both in Britain and on the Continent.

HAYNES PUBLISHING Offer for sale by tender closed more than 11 times oversubscribed.

FASHION & GENERAL Pre-tax profits of Fashion & General investment for half-year to September 30, £81.000 (£73.000). Board considers full-year's profits will at least match last year's.

MLD.W. BOLDINGS M.D.W. Holdings is buying John Lawlor, private firm of building contractors, for 750,000 ordinary shares in M.D.W. and £434,000

W. WILLIAMS & SONS (HOLDINGS) Turnover for haf-year to June 30, £4.65m (£4.38m). Pre-tax profit, £69,000 (£165,000). Year's profit estimated to be similar to 1978's.

Chairman reports that the future looks much brighter and he expects a net positive cashflow next year, which would enable Stag Line to pay a 5p divi-

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Chairman says that overall present year is following much the same pattern of the last two years

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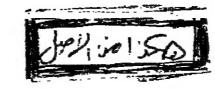
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Radio 4

5.30 Today.

6.00 am News Briefing.

6.10 Farming Today.

PERSONAL CHOICE 17 pc ahead

g Costain, who is 88, and her goingest relative Ban nonths: Roots of Mann (BBC 2, 7.25)

glamerizing by films and books of the British secret mitimes space, and once James Bond hangs up his situs his last Martini, there will be practically nothing a Carrothers myth at all. David Hemming's ice agent in tonight's film Charlie Muffin (ITV, 8.00) of the down at heel brigade who have crept, rostily, a pens of John Le Carré and Len Deighton. Mr gs is sent behind the Iron Curtain to help bring about tion of a KGB master strategist. The film was made sion by Euston Films, the production company le for the entertaining Minder series now being on ITV, and, previously, for the tough cycle of TV led The Sweeney. Engion films also made the ass serial, but perhaps the less said about that the

know what the rest of Will Costain's philosophy of ds like, but there seems a lot of seuse in any man who the Costain says in Roots of Mann (BBC 2, 7.25) that: onight's programme is that the Costains are Manz folk.

In the as though you are going to die tomogrow, but though you are going to live for ever." Mr Costain is a ploughing the land that has been in his family for ons. His ancestors go back to the Viking warrior in, and the reason for the double-u in the punning onight's programme is that the Costains are Manz folk. Inble assembly of them gathered for this year's im celebrations on the island, and that is why the

hat Michael Bentine, that clever racontain and n, joins another amusing and knowledgeable man, Moore, in The Sky at Night (BBC 1, 11.42). The two ids will consider the phenomenon of the UFO and, they cannot possibly come to any scientifically-based one, this close encounter of the shared kind should of us off the bed feeling that it wasn't such a bad day,

pulling of science fiction's legs in this morning's Thirty
Theatre (Radio 4, 11.05). Rinni Bootsie, Tutti Frutti, by
in Gems, is set in an English pub where there is talk
beings being seen. . . When Does the Connecting
rrive? (Radio 3, 9.00) has Robert Stephens, lately
as Nietzche at the time of his mental breakdown in
We also hear some of the philosopher's piano music.

THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; * BLACK AND WRITE PEAT.

Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Davalle

TELEVISION

BBC 2

12.45 News and Weather.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Legal, financial and medical topics, discussed by Dr. David Delvin, Pat Petch and Vincent Duggleby. 1.45 Bagpuss: stury of a cloth cat.
2.16 Ragby Union: Oxford v Cambridge fight it out in the Varsity
March for the Bowring Bowl. Since
their first clash 108 years ago, both
sides have won 42 games, and
there have been 15 draws. 3.55 Play School: the story of The Princess and the Pea. 4.20 Secret Squirrel: cartoon, Spy 4.40 Animal Magic: Johnny Mor-ris's non-human guests include a baby spider monkey, sea iton, wild for and baby camel.

5.05 John Craven's Newscound: funior newsreel. 5.10 The Record Breakers: Roy

10.05 Business world: the threat to woollen textile plants in Britain, Closedown at 10.30, 11.00 Play School: sume as BBCl,

11.00 Play School: same as BBCl, 3.55
11.25 Write Away: five ways to improve your spelling (r).
11.40 A Child's Place: social and physical handicaps in children (r).
Closedown at 12.05
2.30 pm The Engineera: festure about marine engineer Roger Munk who is now an executive.
3.00 Whistle Blowers: the workings of the Official Secrets Act, here and in America (r).
3.30 The Living City: sociology series. The poor, the wealthy, the jobless (r), Closedown at 3.55
4.10 A Taste of Work: bringing jobs and the jobless together. Closedown at 4.35

Castle and Norvis McWhirter dis-cover the smallest hole in the world and a remarkable cow. 5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall. 5.55 Nationwide: films and fea-tures from London and the regions.
6.50 Rolf Harris's Cartoon Time: including Barney Bear and Pepe Le

7.20 Film: Fantasiic Voyage (1965). A submarine is minterurized and is sent through a human body to perform a medical operation. Well-made nonzense, with Stephen Boyd and Raquel Weich. 9.00 News: with Angela Rippon. 9.25 Time Express: A train takes people back into their pasts—tonight, a detective and a rodeo rider—to see if they make some adjustments. A good idea, bedly executed. 10.15 Mainstreams regional arts round-up that tries to caser to too many tastes in too short a time.

10.45 Question Time: An audience, controlled by Robin Day, put ques-

5.46 Laurel and Hardy: Night Owist: Stanley and Oliver try to get into a house secrety. Very funny variations on an old theme.

6.25 The Waltons: a cave-in at the mine that has been re-opened. 7.15 News, with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

7.25 Roots of Mann: The Custains of Arbory. Brian Truemen meets an Isle of Man frontly who trace their ancestry back to the Viking warrior Thorsterin (see Personal Choice).

Choice).

S.10 Chronicle: The First Americans, Differing views on whether the first Americans came from Asia. The clues are presented by Denuis Stanford of the Smithsonian Institution and Vance

tions to Lord George-Brown, Clere Francis, the yachtswoman, Mrs Joan Lester, MP, and Christopher Maybew, former MP and writer. 11.42 The Sky st Night: Michsel Bentine, the comedian, Joins the regular presenter Patrick Moore to discuss UFOs (see Personal Choice).

Regions

2013.

9.00 Jazz from Montreuz: imerview with George Wein, creator of the Newport Jazz Festival. Musicifrom Grover Washington, R. King, Jay McSann, Chick C-ea and Herbie Hancock.

9.50 Man Alive: Storm Grove Pastonet Interviews with 9.50 Man Alive: Storm Ore Pastnet. Interviews with rechtsment who survived the night-arish race
in August. The proprime ties in
with publication;
report on the transfer.
10.40 Floodlit Angley League:
second semi-rail of the BBC2
Floodlit Ry-vy League competition, Hightats of the gams played
earlier reght.
11.15 Lews and weather.
11.30 the Old Grey Whistle Test:
root from Jane Aire, from Onio.
get from the north Landon group,
sadness.

THAMES

9.30 am Animal Kwackers: the animal world pop group (r). 9.45 To the Wild Country: the ice mountains of the Arctic. 10.45 Felix the Cat. cartoon.

10.48 Little House on the Prairie: post American Civil War stories.

Today's tale is about a former drug addict.

andict,
11.30 Crown Court: continued
bearing of the harrassment case.
Verdict tomorrow (r).
11.55 The Bubblies: cartoon.
Paperback Writer. 12.00 Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings: children's stories told by Bernard Cribbias. 12.10 pm Pipkins: Moving out. A

by Bernard Cribbies: Moving out. A story for children.

12.30 The Suffivane: Australiar family series. Today, war action:

1.90 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 About Britain. Typidde

naturalist James Alder bull[®] & bridge between wildlife and

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2.00 After Noon Pinn; de grievances of Cardiff's Fet Moors
steel workers. Also Samorous
kmitwear from Parcia Roberts
and Miranda Holly.

2.45 The Love Fet luxury liner
series, from Ag-rica.

3.45 Love Wis- Talking: the husband and wis comedy team of Jan
and Ian T-3gh, who call themselves The Krankies.

4.15 Ges it Together: pop music
show, destr include Maria Moogan, he Pretenders and Police.

4.45 Agapte: children's magazine.

5.3' Star Gardens; what is the
lyge mirror doing in actress
sicola Pegett's garden in Chiswick? Keith Fordyce finds out.

5.45 News. 6.06 Thames News.

6.25 Help I A ski club for handicapped children.

6.35 Crossroads: motel stories.

7.00 Star Games: athletics contest between two teams of disc jockeys and programme presenters (cap-tained by Ed Stewart and Jimmy Savile) with Michael Aspel as MC. 8.00 Film: Charlie Muffin. Thriller about a Prisish kntalligate agent about a British Intelligence agent (David Hemmings), specially made for TV. Cast also includes Skr Ralph Richardson, Sam Wanamaker and Jennie Linden (see Personal Choice).

10.00 News.

10.30 Before the Monsoon: Seeds of Democracy. Final part of a trilogy about India in the 1970s. With Mrs Gandhi voted out of office Indians describe the changes they would like to see in their country.

11.30 Lou Grant: stories of a newspeper office in America. Tonight: the problem of the Vietnam war veterans, and how an editor tries to ease their burdens.

12.25 am Clese: poems read by Kenneth Connor.

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Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Bach, Vivaldi.† 8.00 News.

7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.85 Records : Glazunov, Chabrier Guilmant, Stravbsky.† 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. Knimne. 9.05 Elgar (incl. Sym 1)* 10.00 News. 10.05 Plano trios : Haydn, A-hony Hedges (first broadcast). 19.65 in Britzin Now. 18.30 Daily Service.

10.45 The Bandsman's Doughter 11.00 News. 11.05 Play: Rinni Bootsie, Tutti 11.35 Still Small Voices (3). 1.00 News.

11.55 Sounding Off.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.02 pm Your Way.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One. 1.00 The World at Une. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen with Mother. 3.15 Men at Arms (3).

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4.10 Bookshelf.
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40.00 The World Tomight.
10.30 The Hornblower Story (3)†
11.00 A Book at Bedrime.
11.30 Today in Parliament.

.30 Today in Parliam .00 News.

5.50 pm Regional News, Weather, 7.50 Regional News, Weather, 5.50 pm Regional News, Weather, 11.00-11.30 Study on 4; Por aqui.

10.35 Interval reading.

10.40 Trio: Brahms (Jp 8) †

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1.00 News.
1.05 Six conducts.
1.26 sacr/S0: Vivaldi, Lutos-laws (concert for Orch).† The Polignac Selont

153 Grand 172 India 3.55 Plano (Peter Frankl): Mozart, Brahms, Schubert.† 4.55 Jazz Today.† 5.25 Homeward Boundf 5.25 Homeward Bound;
5.45 News.
5.50 Homeward Bound;
6.15 At Home.
7.10 Organ (Arthur Wills): Paterson, Messiaen, Williamson;
7.30 RLPO/Weller: Beethoven (Missa Solemnis);
6.00 Winga Does the Connection

(Missa Solemnis).†
3.00 When Does the Connecting
Train Arrive?—investigation of
Nietzsche.†
10.00 The Beecham Legacy:
Rimsky-Korsakov, Verdi, Strauss
(Don Outparte). (Don Quixote). 11.65 Music in Our Time: Muldowney, Swayne, Usher.† 11.55-12.00 News.

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.04 Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm Waggoners' Walk. 12.30 Derek Hobson.† 2.15 David Hamilton.† 4.15 Much More Music.† 5.00 News.

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Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2, 6.00 Dave Lee Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31 Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 7.00 Per-sonal Call. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50 Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 2m With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio

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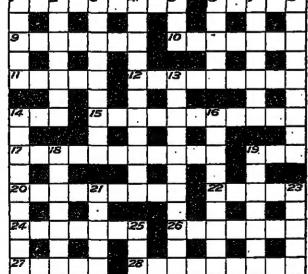
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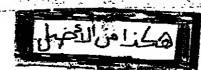
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